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STATE FARM LEADER SUCCUMBS AT HOME IN KENT COUNTY

E. T. Massey, Former Vice President Of Md. Farm Bureau Had Been In Poor Health

Had Many Business Interests And Was Extensive Land Owner

E. Thomas Massey, 66 years old, for 11 years president of the Kent County Farm Bureau which he helped organize and a former vice president of the Maryland State Farm Bureau Association, died from a heart attack Tuesday night at his home in Massey. He was probably one of the best known farm leaders on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Mr. Massey gave up the presidency of the county farm bureau the first part of the year because of ill health. He not only took active part in securing legislation benefiting farmers but was the pioneer in securing a million dollar road building program for Kent County.

Headed Branch of Bank

Besides Mr. Massey's farm bureau activities, he had several business interests, and for several years had charge of the Massey branch of the People's Bank of Chestertown. He was one of the largest land owners in Kent county, owning large tracts in both the upper section of Kent County, and the lower section of Cecil county.

Funeral Services Friday

Mr. Massey is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Massey, a son, E. Thomas Massey, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. E. C. Brooks, and Miss Minnie Massey, both of Chestertown, and one brother, Herman of Chestertown.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Clement's P. E. Church at Massey, in which he served as vestryman for a number of years. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. The Rev. J. H. Garner, the rector, will officiate.

Funeral Held Tuesday For Wm. H. Realey, 64

William H. Realey, aged 64 years, well known merchant in Elkton, died last Saturday morning about ten o'clock at Union Hospital. He had been delirious for about two weeks with cerebral meningitis.

A son of the late Captain William B. and Sarah Rutter Realey, of Elk Neck, he was born at Rock Hall December 29, 1871. Practically all of his life had been spent in Elkton and vicinity. For the past twenty-five years he had conducted a grocery and provision store in Elkton.

He is survived by his widow, the former Edith L. Clay; one son, William B. Realey, and four daughters, Edith, wife of Roy McKeown; Jennie, wife of Clyde Carroll, and Misses Elizabeth and Anna Realey, at home. Three sisters also survive, Mrs. Charles Ulary, of Elk Neck; Mrs. Harry McKeown, of Charlestown, and Miss Jennie Q. Realey, of Elkton.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from his late home and interment was in the Elkton Cemetery.

Miss Dorothy T. Woods Weds In Baltimore

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Ann Tyson Woods, daughter of the late Dr. Prince Tannatt and Mrs. Woods of Kingston, Mass., and Mr. Samuel Hale, Jr., of Ashville, N. C., was solemnized Monday evening, July 20th, at eight-thirty o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis O. Tyson, on Elsinor Avenue, Baltimore.

Miss Woods wore a princess gown of white satin, cut en train, with coronet cap and shoulder veil, and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. She was unattended.

The wedding march was played by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Rhoda Berryman Tyson. Rev. John Alison Nesbitt performed the ceremony.

The groom is assistant manager of Nunnally's Inc., of Washington, D. C. and Miami Beach, Florida. They will reside in Washington, D. C. and Miami Beach.

Adult Bible Class Social At Presbyterian Manse

The public is extended an invitation to attend a social to be held at the Presbyterian Manse, 239 E. Main street, at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, July 27. The social is under the auspices of the Adult Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church. Arrangements for fall work will be made at the social and the pastor, Rev. Albert E. Thomas, is looking forward to a large turnout.

Special Service At Jones' Sunday, Aug. 2

Mr. John Austin, Superintendent, announces a special service at Jones' Chapel, Upper Elk Neck, on Sunday, August 2, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Bert Matsinger will give one of his interesting and inspiring talks on the Bible. The public is cordially invited to attend.

New Assignments For State Police Officers

Orders of transfers for several officers of the Maryland State Police force were made effective last week. Corporal John F. Norris, who has been stationed at Havre de Grace for about two years has been transferred to the Sub-station at Wilna, and offier George Perkins, previously at Wilna has been assigned to Havre de Grace. Officer Perkins had only been at his new post a few days when he was seriously hurt when he was thrown from his motor cycle at Aberdeen last Saturday afternoon.

Other changes include the transfer of Corporal Charles B. Durham to Sub-station "F" at Conowingo where he will assume charge, replacing Sergeant Marlyn Brubaker, who was assigned to duties at the Baltimore headquarters of the force.

Townsend Girl Wins College Scholarship

Miss Thelma Atwell, Of Townsend Will Enroll For Home Economics Course At Women's College, U. of D.

MISS THELMA ATWELL

Chosen from eleven applicants, Thelma Atwell, Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Atwell, was awarded the New Castle County Home Demonstration College Scholarship for 1936, according to an announcement made by the New Castle County Home Demonstration Scholarship Committee composed of Mrs. Kate Henley Daugherty, New Castle County Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Amy Rextrew, Professor of Home Economics at the University of Delaware, and Mrs. Louis Staats, president of the New Castle County Home Demonstration Council.

Thelma Atwell, who was graduated from the Middletown High School in June, 1936, in the upper fourth of her class, will enroll for the courses in Home Economics at the Women's College, University of Delaware, in September.

According to Mrs .Daugherty, this is the first time that the Home Demonstration College Scholarship has been offered by the New Castle County Home Demonstration Clubs and it is a move on the part of the clubs to help rural girls to obtain a higher education.

Mr. Dinsmore Entertains Friends At Conowingo

Steel's Midway Inn at Conowingo, was the scene of an interesting occasion Tuesday evening of last week when A. J. Dinsmore distributor of Gulf products in Cecil and Harford counties, entertained a number of friends and employees at a chicken dinner.

The affair was given in honor of Mr. Larry Headly, superintendent of construction of the concrete apron at the Conowingo Hydro-Electric plant. Other guests were superintendents and foremen at the plant, employees of A. J. Dinsmore and Brother, Rising Sun, and the Gulf Oil Station at Havre de Grace.

Messrs. John Mitchell and H. M. Dinsmore entertained with several square dance specialties and music was furnished by the Rising Sun Hill Billies.

Auto Fatality Survey Shows State Decrease

Insurance Company Records For Six Months Note 4.9 Per Cent Drop In Maryland

Maryland is well in front of the average State in its efforts to reduce motor vehicle deaths, according to a midyear analysis of State reports by a national insurance company.

During the first six months of 1935 traffic deaths in Maryland totaled 195, as compared to 228 fatalities reported during the corresponding period of last year. This represents a reduction of 14.9 per cent.

Motor-vehicle deaths throughout the country reached an estimated total of about eight per cent from the 15,200 fatalities recorded in midyear in 1935.

Work Started On New Bay View-Zion Road

The T. E. Russell Company, of Frederick, Md., recently awarded the contract for building 2.05 miles of improved road between Bay View and Zion, at a bid of $54,795, has started grading work and about twenty-five men of the community are finding employment on the project. As the work progresses it is understood more men will be given work.

Elkton Man Hurt Seriously When Thrown Off Motor

Condition Of Geo. M. Perkins, State Officer Reported As Being Slightly Improved

Officer Roger Tower Also Seriously Injured In Harford Accident

The condition of George M. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perkins, of Elkton, who was seriously injured last Saturday afternoon when thrown off his motorcycle at Aberdeen, is today slightly improved according to a report from the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, where he was taken after the accident. From Saturday until Tuesday Mr. Perkins was unconscious from a skull fracture but Tuesday he opened his eyes and since that time has been in a semi-conscious condition, which is still regarded as extremely critical.

State Highway Policeman

Mr. Perkins, who is a member of the Maryland State Police force ,was following a truck through Aberdeen when his motorcycle struck a rut in the pavement and threw him off. His head struck the pavement with such force that his skull was fractured and he also suffered a sprained ankle and an injury to one arm. He was rushed immediately to Baltimore where Dr. Charles Bagley, Baltimore specialist, has been in attendance daily.

Officer Tower Injured

Another State Officer, Roger Tower, who at one time was stationed in Elkton, was also seriously injured last week when his motorcycle smashed into a barbed wire fence in Harford county. Officer Tower suffered serious gashes about the neck and his condition is still considered serious.

Wise Says Farmers Will Support Road Survey In State

In Accord With Plan To Study Maryland Highway System For Future Road Building

Says, However, Bond Issues Should Be Postponed Until Facts Are Presented

Organized farmers of Maryland will support the suggestions that a complete survey of Maryland's road system be made as the basis of a future plan for road building and maintenance in the opinion of C. E. Wise, Jr., secretary of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation. Such a survey has already been made in more than half the states in cooperation with the Federal Government, he reports.

"Maryland was at one time a leader in developing its state road system," Mr. Wise said in commenting on the suggestion of a road survey. "In recent years it has lost its position of leadership, apparently through lack of planning and sufficient knowledge of the changes that have taken place in highway transportation.

Would Delay Bond Issues

"Information which has been secured in other states can be made available to Maryland road administrators by cooperating with the Federal Government," in Mr. Wise's opinion. "We will be in a better position to know what type of road is necessary for varying traffic loads from experience elsewhere, providing we find the facts about the present situation on our own roads."

Information gleaned from a statewide survey would also help in determining methods of finance as it would indicate the class of traffic which makes most use of the roads in both primary and secondary road systems, Mr. Wise believes.

"Proposals for bond issues and refinancing should be delayed until facts can be secured definitely and worked into program behind which all citizens can joyed the annual outing to eBtterton says the Farm Bureau's secretary.

Sacred Concert July 28 At Zion Pres. Church

Lance B. Lathan and his White Shirt Brigade will officiate at a sacred concert to be held on Tuesday evening, July 28, at 8 o'clock at Zion Presbyterian Church. This will be Mr. Lathan's only appearance in Cecil county during the summer and many are expected to be present at Zion Tuesday evening for the concert. The public is evtended a cordial invitation to attend.

Preaching Service At Crouch's Chapel Sunday

The public is cordially invited to attend preaching services at Crouch's Chapel Sunday School Sunday, July 26th ,at 2:30 in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evening. Both services will be under the auspices of the Sunday Breakfast Mission, of Wilmington, Del.

Crouch's Chapel Sunday School and the Lend A Hand Society will hold their annual picnic together at Hollywood Beach on Friday, July 31.

FOUR MINISTERS GUILTY, UNFROCKED BY PRESBYTERIANS

Refusing To Appear Before Commission Of New Castle Presbytery, Group Is Formally Deposed

Rev. Colin C. Weir, Supply Pastor of Rock And Zion Church Among Those Unfrocked

The specially appointed judicial commission of the Presbytery of New Castle sitting Tuesday in Hanover Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, unfrocked four ministers whom they found guilty of disobedience to the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.)

The four were unfrocked or "deposed" because they had twice defied the authority of the Presbytery by failing to respond to two citations for trial.

The ministers are: The Rev. John P. Clelland, Eastlake Church, Wilmington; the Rev. Colin C. Weir, supply pastor of Rock and Zion Churches, near Rising Sun; the Rev. Henry G. Welbon, Head of Christiana Church, near Newark, and supply pastor of Pencader Church, Glasgow, and the Rev. Robert H. Graham, Forest Church, Middletown.

Contend They Have Resigned

In refusing to appear for trial, the men contend they have renounced the authority of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and are no longer under its jurisdiction and, with the exception of Mr. Weir, are aligning with the newly formed Presbyterian Church in America.

Although they refused to attend their trials, the trial proceeded, their interests defended by the Rev. J. Paul Tout, of Princess Anne, Md.

The trial started at 1 o'clock and concluded at 9 o'clock.

The prosecution was conducted by the Rev. Dr. John W. Christie of Wilmington and the Rev. Dr. Elliott Field of Dover.

Commission Personnel

Members of the seven-man commission, all of whom attended except Elder A. Victor Hughes, West Church, Wilmington, because of illness, were: The Rev. Sydney J. Venable, moderator; the Rev. T. A. Williams, Salisbury, Md., clerk; the Rev. William Gibson, New Castle; the Rev. John D. Blake, Red Clay Creek, near Wilmington; Elders John P. Chandler, Lower Brandywine Church, and Robert H. Denney, Smyrna.

State Police After Night Speeders On State Roads

An unusual large number of arrests have resulted from the campaign that the Maryland State police are now pushing to lessen the number of serious accidents that have been occurring on the Philadelphia and other main thoroughfares. Night patrols have been established on these roads where interstate traffic is heavy and a number of arrests have been made for speeding.

The officers patroling the roads are also stopping cars with faulty head and tail lights and ordering their immediate repair. The campaign on the State roads was suggested following the successful work of the night patrol in Baltimore city where the work of the night officers is reflected in a greatly decreased number of traffic accidents.

Alexander Names Rotary Committees

Franklin A. Alexander, newly installed president of the Elkton Rotary Club, announced this week the appointment of various committees to serve during the year.

The committee list includes the following:

Aims and Objects, F. A. Alexander, James W. Hughes, Lynn B. Gillespie, J. Z. Miller, J. Fred Fehler, Roy J. Schmidt.

Club Service, James W. Hughes, chairman, E. W. Crothers, Lynn B. Gillespie.

Vocational Service, J. Z. Miller, chairman, Argus F. Robinson, Rev. J. Warren Albinson.

Community Service, Harry L. Croak, chairman, W. Henry Pippin, J. Fred Fehler, Wallace Williams.

International Service; J. Mercer Terrell, chairman, Roy J. Schmidt, George Vaggi.

Classifications, Harry W. Pippin, chairman, Wallace Williams, Argus F. Robinson.

Program, James W. Hughes, chairman, E. W. Crothers.

Fellowship Attendance, Lynn B. Gillespie; Public Information, James W. Hughes, chairman, J. Z. Miller; Boys Work, W. Henry Pippin, chairman, Clyde E. Bourke; Crippled Children, J. Fred Fehler, chairman, Joseph H. Sloan, Warren E. Malin; Rural Acquaintance, Wallace Williams; Eye Glasses, Harry L. Croak, chairman, Roy J. Schmidt.

The Board of Directors for the year includes Harry L. Croak, J. Mercer Terrell, E. W. Crothers, J. Z. Miller, J. Fred Fehler and Roy J. Schmidt.

Agents Discuss Soil Conservation At Centreville

Eastern Shore Group Hears About Program And The Compliance Checking Methods From State And Federal Group

High Percentage of Farmers In All Counties Have Completed Work Sheets

An Eastern Shore conference, participated in by County Agents, County Committeemen, and representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture and the Extension Service of the University of Maryland, met at Centreville Tuesday for an all-day discussion of the soil conservation program and methods for checking compliance. The conference for the Eastern Shore group was called by Paul E. Nystrom, of College Park, in charge of the program in Maryland.

A poll of the county agents revealed a high percentage of signers in their counties including Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester. The 1937 soil program also came under discussion at the session which was held in the Court House.

Those present included B. Brown and County Agent Kenneth Baker, Queen Anne's; C. T. Kimble, Miss Lilian N. Black and County Agent J. Z. Miller, Cecil; A. L. Beaston, County Agent J. D. McVean and Assistant County Agent Stanley B. Sutton, Kent; A. H. Dean and County Agent William R. McKnight, Dorchester; County Agent Royal S. Brown and J. Spencer Dyott, assistant in soil conservation, Talbot; and J. B. Jarrell and County Agent George Clendaniel, Caroline.

The Washington group consisted of W. E. Underholl, representative of the East Central division of the A. A. A.; B. V. Joy, Department of Agriculture; and Reuben Brigham, also of the Department of Agriculture. The Extension Service was represented by Paul E. Nystrom, E. I. Oswald, County Agent leader, A. V. Krewach, district supervisor; W. B. Sorey, Eben Jenkins, and Mark Shoemaker.

Survey Of State Roads To Be Made By State And U. S.

Federal Funds Will Be Used In Making Study Of Highway Conditions In Maryland

Will Aid In Long Range Planning; Found Very Profitable In Other States

The State Roads Commission and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads will begin a three-phase survey of Maryland's roads at once, the commission announced yesterday.

The survey, similar to those being conducted in thirty-seven other States, will be financed from Federal funds. One and one-half per cent of the money allocated by the Federal bureau is set aside for such a survey.

The study of the State roads system will cover financing, the type of roads and the amount of traffic. The results of the survey will be turned over to the committee appointed by the last Legislature to study the State's roads.

Other States, the commission's formal announcement said, have found the surveys valuable "in producing economies in long-range planning of highway programs."

The commission said it hoped to have the report complete for the Legislature's committee and the Legislature itself by December 1, so it may be studied before the session opens early next year.

"The State Roads Commission," the announcement said, "is of the opinion that if Maryland had had a survey of this nature ten years ago, errors and lack of continuity which are so apparent in our present highway system would have been avoided and Maryland would at present be enjoying many miles of superb highway, such as other states have had the foresight to construct, and that millions of dollars required to maintain and rebuild inferior and wholly inadequate highways would have been saved."

Susquehanna Dredging Contract To Balto. Co.

A contract was approved on Tuesday by Maj.-Gen. Edward Markham, chief of army engineers, for dredging the channel in the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace. The contract was awarded to S. B. Brooks, Inc., Baltimore, at their bid of $26,440.

The work includes the dredging of the regular channel which has been maintained many years by the government.

Contracts for dredging the boat basin will be awarded in a few days, according to an announcement made on Thursday.

Goldsborough Due For Fight--Prestige In County Wavering

Many Voters Threaten To Take A Walk On Popular First District Representative In Coming Campaign. Patronage Dispensed Does Not Fit Well With Many Of His Former Backers

With the national conventions now in the records as history, and their platforms awaiting the assaults of the campaign orators, the rumblings of politics are gradually being heard in the counties although nothing will be done in this section for several weeks. While the presidential campaign is being looked forward to as the real feature of the impending November battle, none the less important, in the eyes of a great number of people, is the congressional race in which Maryland will figure prominently in all six congressional districts. The race will be a wide-open one for six seats in the House of Representatives.

In the First Congressional District, comprising the nine counties on the Eastern Shore, Representative T. Alan Goldsborough, again unopposed in the Democratic primary election, will have as his Republican opponent, State Senator O. Straughn Lloyd, of Wicomico county. Senator Lloyd presents a different type of opponent than Mr. Goldsborough has had in the past as the records show he served two terms in the House of Delegates from Wicomico and was then elected, by a huge majority, to represent the county in the Maryland State Senate. This is regarded as a great compliment to Senator Lloyd from one of the largest Democratic counties in the District. Widely and favorably known throughout the Shore counties, Senator Lloyd's candidacy is receiving greater cognizance than any opponent Mr. Goldsborough has had in all his years in the House.

Added to the fact that Mr. Goldsborough is to face probably the most formidable foe in his political history, there are rumblings from the hustings that all is not well along the political fences and especially those in Cecil county. Mr. Goldsborough has made a good Representative, he has served in the lower House for fifteen years and for the first time in his career there seems to be an organized movement on foot in sections to trade him in the coming election.

Political officials cannot dodge the patronage issue and no doubt, in view of the fact that this has been Democratic patronage year, especially in the naming of new postmasters, there have been many sore spots made over the various appointments in the county. It seems to be political fate that a man who has made a good Representative, has stood loyally by the President, and has served his party faithfully, should be subjected to a grudge feeling; yet, nevertheless, a feeling against the Congressman has cropped up and unless something is done to stop the stampede, it is liable to spread to other counties and the entire District, and greatly endanger his chances of re-election.

Gets Commission As Elkton Postmaster

J. MERCER TERRELL

Mr. Terrell, who has been acting postmaster at Elkton for the past year, received his commission last week and has been installed for a four year term.

Mrs. Ira A. Moore Dies After Brief Illness

Mrs. Norma Hart Moore, wife of Ira A. Moore, of near Elkton, died at her home Wednesday about 1:30 of heart trouble after an illness of only several days. She was apparently in the best of health until last Sunday when she suffered an attack of gall trouble. The first attack was followed by a second on Monday after which she seemed to rally and was apparently on the road to recovery when heart trouble set in Wednesday morning and resulted in her death several hours later. A blood clot is blamed as the cause of her death. Mrs. Moore was thirty-nine years of age.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hart, of Townsend, Del., where she was born and spent her early life. Since her marriage about fifteen years ago she had lived in Elkton and near vicinity.

In spite of her household activities Mrs. Moore was keenly interested in church work. She conducted the beginners class at the Elkton M. E. Church each Sunday.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four children, Martha Ann, Ira H., Nancy and Norma. Her first child, Ira, A. Jr., died about nine years ago. She is also survived by her parents, two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Clark Taylor, of Wilmington; Mrs. James Carpenter, of Townsend, and Edward Hart, of Bound Brook, N. J.

The funeral will be held Saturday from her late home at 2 o'clock and interment will be in the Elkton Cemetery.

Local Laundry Owner Reports Business Good

Howard C. McClintock, owner-manager of Mac's Laundry ,Inc., of Elkton, reports business being better this summer than for the past nine years. Last Saturday the full plant worked for the first time in nine years and according to Mr. McClintock this is one of the best indications of the return of prosperity that he has seen in some time.

In keeping up with ever advancing ideas and inventions of this modern age, Mr. McClintock recently installed a new pressing machine for pressing summer materials. Another recent addition to the local laundry was a modern, up to date dry cleaning plant which is odorless, non-shrinking and non-fading.

Judge Knotts Reserves Bridge Case Decision

After hearing argument by Thomas F. Jenifer, of Towson, counsel for the State Roads Commission, and Joshua Clayton, counsel of the Elkton Town Council, Judge J. Owen Knotts, on Tuesday reserved his decision in the mandamus suit instituted by the Town of Elkton against the State Roads Commission to compel the Commission to carry out its alleged agreement to keep the two overhead railroad bridges, the North and Bridge street structures, in Elkton, lighted at night.

The suit was the result of a discontinuance, early last spring, by the Commission in lighting the bridges, the Town officials claiming an agreement with the Commission guaranteed the lighting of the bridges in question.

Washington Man's Skull Fractured In Crash

Emil Rossodwito, age about 50, of Washington, D. C., was critically injured in an automobile accident on the Elkton-North East road early Monday morning when his machine was struck by a truck as he attempted to pass another vehicle. Rossodwito's car was struck as he attempted to pass another vehicle. Rossodwito's was practically demolished.

The injured man was taken to Havre de Grace Hospital where he was found to be suffering from a fractured skull, fractured pelvis and other injuries. His condition is still considered critical but it is thought he will recover.

The driver of the truck, L. M. Pritchetts, of Virginia, gave bond before Magistrate Walter C. Miller, of Elkton, for appearance at a future hearing.

Fire Destroys Furniture Truck And Contents

A large trailer truck, loaded with fifteen suites of living room furniture, was completely destroyed as were the contents, last Saturday afternoon on Route 40, near Charlestown. The North East and Perryville fire companies responded to an alarm but the firemen could do nothing as the flames had gained too much headway before the companies were called.

The driver of the truck could not account for the fire. It was understood the contents and truck were covered by insurance.

Festival Saturday At Principio Furnace

The Epworth League of the Principio M. E. Church will sponsor a festival on Saturday evening, July 25, on the Principio Furnace school grounds. Cake, candy, ice cream and other refreshments will be on sale and there will be a band to enliven the occasion. Proceeds from the affair will be used for church repair. A cordial invitation is extended the public to patronize the worthy affair.

Body Of Man Found In Susquehanna River

While making a run on the Columbia and Port Deposit Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad one day last week, Lewis Strube, engineer of Oxford, noticed a strange looking object floating in the river. He decided it was a human body and at his first stop notified officials at Harrisburg.

An investigation disclosed the corpse of an unidentified man which was dragged from the river near the point where Strube had first seen it. The body, clad only in bathing trunks, had evidently been in the water for some time and was too badly decomposed for identification.