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Legislature Meets In Special Session To Draw State Social Security Act

Former President Of Senate, Speaker Of House And Desk Officers Re-elected To Serve During Special Sessionh

House Gets Under Way Afte rSpeaker's Errors Are Corrected. Sobeloff Idle Insurance Bill Tossed Aside

(By Special Correspondent, Annapolis, Md.)

In line with a proclamation issued by Governor Harry W. Nice, the General Assembly of Maryland met in special session Tuesday, December 8. Both Houses got under way at the specified hour for the reason there was no contest in either House over the presiding and desk officers. It was agreed upon by all elements of both parties that the presiding officers and desk forces of the regular session should not be interferred with at this time.

The Senate, however, was more fortunate than the House as it got off to a good start in regular parliamentary manner. The House proceeded to organize with the Chief Clerk calling the roll of the former qualified members—as the roll was called, the newly elected and appointed members, under the new constitutional amendment which became effective after the November election, five in all, were asked to appear at the Bar of the House to be qualified.

This being done, the House proceeded to elect a Speaker Pro Tem, and the Hon. Milton Tollie of Baltimore county, the sage of the House, was nominated unanimously. He then assumed the chair and immediately called for nominations for Speakers and Desk Officers. Speaker Emanuel Gorfine ,of the former extra and regular sessions, was unanimously elected, and the Speaker Pro Tem named a committee to escort him to the chair. (So far, so good.)

In taking the chair, Speaker Gorfine, in his eagerness to assume authority over the House, immediately proceeded with the regular order of business without calling upon a qualified member to administer to him the oath as Speaker of the Special Session. He also failed to call for the regular election of desk officers. After transacting certain routine business by way of messages with the Executive Department and the Senate, the error in the order of business was pointed out and by advice of Attorney-General Herbert R. O'Conor, the oath was given to the Speaker and an order offered and approved electing the former desk officers who were then duly qualified by the Speaker and their names entered in the test book. (Another reason why they should look around for a new speaker at the regular session.)

The Administration's bill on the Social Security Act prepared by a committee appointed by the Governor was introduced by Speaker Gorfine, who, in his arrogant manner proceeded to explain the Act and its purposes. He went so far as to say he served on the Committee which prepared the bill and it was the result of a great deal of labor and thought and suggested that the House should pass it as offered, stating that if there were any imperfections in the Act, they would be remedied and corrected at the regular session which will convene Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1937 He then went into a lecture on false economy and said the House should speed its action in order that expenses could be cut. He did not say, however, that the bill that is now before the Assembly is practically the same as the one introduced two years ago. And, while the Speaker was urging the House to speed, he should have been reminded that one of his position should have realized two years ago that this law would have to be passed sooner or later and if not at the time of its first introduction, then at a later time and the responsibility of this extra session rests heavily upon the shoulders of Speaker Gorfine.

After getting under way on Wednesday, th eSobeloff un-employment insurance bill was tossed aside by a joint meeting of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

Closeted in executive session, with Attorney-General Herbert R. O'Conor, who is carrying out the wishes of the Senate and House by lending his opinion on the proposed act, the committees voted to use a sample bill drawn by the Federal Social Security Board as the basis for the measure that will go to the floor of the Maryland Legislature.

A gesture of conciliation, however, was made to Simon E. Sobeloff, chairman of the Governor's committee that drew the bill the legislators repudiated. Senator J. Allan Coad (Dem., St. Mary's), Finance Committee chairman and chairman of the joint meeting, informed Mr. Sobeloff that any measures sent to the floor would be submitted first to him for any recommendations h emight care to make.

Major Decisions

Major decisions made by the joint meeting were to:

Allow the State act to stand on its own feet, regardless of constitutionality of the Federal act with which it is tied.

Keep tax rate at the Federal minimum of .9 per cent during 1936, 1.8 per cent during 1937, and 2.7 per cent during 1938 and thereafter.

Set coverage at the Federal minimum stipulation, which says employers of eight or more persons alone must bear the burden of taxation.

Allow the exemptions set by Federal statute. Included in these are agricultural and domestic help, workers in seasonal industry and marine employes.

Only One Point For Liberals

Only one point in the new set-up could be regarded as a victory for the liberal policy advocated by the Sobeloff committee. That was the decision to allow the State law to stand on its own merits, regardless of the fate of the Federal act. Business interests had been in favor of hanging the Maryland law on the validity of the Federal act, and had been bitterly opposed by labor interests, backed by a majority of the drafting committee.

The other decisions represent victory for the business interests and the views represented by Mr. O'Conor.

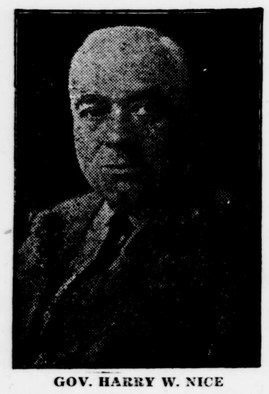
None of these decisions, incidentally, came as any surprise to State House observers, unless it was the decision to allow the State law to stand alone.

Meet After Hearing

The committees went into session shortly after hearing proponents and opponents of the bill in the House of Delegates chamber. Committee members, as soon as they were reassembled in the Senate Finance Committee's room, immediately took a vote to lock the doors.

A number of Delegates and Senators not members of either committee were in the room, and were excluded along with Mr. Sobeloff and the latter's advisers. Several city Senators went out protesting.

Calls Extra Session Of State Legislature



GOV. HARRY W. NICE

Principio Church To Reopen This Sunday

The Principio Furnace M. E. Church which has been closed for the past three months during which time it has been painted and a new floor laid, is being reopened Sunday, December 13, 1936. The program is as follows:

Church School, 9:45 a. m.

Service for dedication of the new hymnals at 10:45 a. m. Dr. Walter E. Gunby, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District will be in charge.

Church reopening service at 2 p. m. in charge of Rev. J. Harry Wright, pastor of Silverbrook M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del.

Evening service at 7:30 p. m. at which time the O. U. A. M. Lodge will turn out in a body. The Epworth League will have charge of this service.

There will be special music at all the services, including solos and duets by local talent.

The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in all these services.

Sunday Services On The Cherry Hill Charge

Sunday services on the Cherry Hill M. E. Charge for Sunday, December 13, will be as follows: At Cherry Hill, Sunday School at 10 in the morning followed by the preaching service at 11.

At Big Elk Chapel the Sunday School will meet at 2 in the afternoon, preaching service at 3, and at Elk Mills the preaching service will be held at 6:30 p. m.

The last Quarterly Conference for the year will be held at Cherry Hill Monday evening, December 14 at 7:30. The Rev. Dr. W. E. Gunby, District Superintendent, will be in charge.

Trinity Canvassers To Dine Thursday

The twenty men, members of Trinity Church, who are conducting the Every-Member Canvass for pledges for the 1937 Budget will be the guests of the Rector, Dr. Albinson, for dinner at the Howard Hotel Thursday evening at six o'clock. Every family of the Parish will be called on by members of this Committee and their reports will be made at the dinner.

Maryland 4-H Girls Win Awards At Chicago

The exhibits of six Maryland 4-H Club girls placed in the blue ribbon class at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Miss Dorothy Emerson, State girls' club agent, informed University of Maryland Extension Service officials this week.

Mary Margaret Stevenson of Caroline county won a blue ribbon with the cotton school dress that won her first place in the State contest.

Other blue ribbon winners were Kathyn Myers, Carroll county, complete costumes; Maxine Hess, Carroll county, cotton school dress; Eloise Thawley, Caroline county, wool dress; Helen Hebb, Washington county, children's garments; Marguerite Grove, Allegany county, window treatment exhibit.

Tip From Woman Halts Jail Break

Sheriff Eugene Racine Finds Two Bars In Transom Had Been Cut

Prisoners Found In Bed With Clothes On After Attempt Is Frustrated

A woman's tip to Sheriff Eugene Racine frustrated an attempt of two prisoners to break out of the Cecil County jail early last Sunday morning.

Sheriff Racine said the two were Charles Rhodes, 27, and Benjamin Sartin, 21, arrested about two weeks ago on several charges of stealing poultry, sheep and corn from farmers in the county.

He said they were found in bed fully dressed after two guards, placed in the jail yard, saw Sartin attempting to saw away the bars of the transom over the yard door. Two bars had been cut away and the third nearly severed.

Woman Visitor Gives Tip

The sheriff explained the tip came from a woman who had been visiting another prisoner in the jail. He said the woman was told of the planned escape and gave the information to jail attendants as she was leaving the building.

Deputy Sheriff Lewis Seth and State policeman Novickie stationed themselves in the jail yard. Shortly after midnight they noticed Sartin working on the bars over the door. He immediately disappeared they said.

The sheriff and his officials went to the cells of Rhodes and Sartin where they said they found the two prisoners in bed with their clothes and shoes on.

State's Attorney E. D. E. Rollins said a charge of attempting escape from the jail will be placed in addition to the larceny charges against the two.

Md. Farm Bureau May Widen Scope

Organization Leaders Probe Possibility Of Increasing Service To Members

Further Development Of Cooperative Finance Among Projects Considered

Leaders of organized farmers of Maryland are investigating the expansion of services offered to Farm Bureau members and others which organization makes possible, according to C. E. Wise, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Increased membership in the organization, together with successful operation of most services previously established, makes possible the consideration of additional services, he reports.

Expansion Is Seen

"The Maryland Farm Bureau has taken membership in United Cooperatives, the organization through which mid-Western farmers have entered the field of processing and distributing petroleum products," Wise says. "The past year has found the expansion of this organization into Eastern territory and extension of its services into Maryland is a possibility of the near future."

Further development of cooperative finance is another step being considered in the organization's expansion plans, according to Wise. With one of the most successful records of growth and service in the automobile insurance field, to which has recently been added a life insurance service, possibilities of property insurance and cooperative mortgage loan service are being studied, he reports,

Taxes Prime Issue

"Consideration of expansion will not interfere in any way with marketing and purchasing services now operating for the cooperative marketing of live stock, wool and grain, nor purchasing services through regional cooperatives," Wise reports.

"General representation of organized farmers in questions of taxation and legislation will continue to be one of the main projects of the farm bureau."

Treasury Heads And Employes Hold 2nd Annual Dinner

Honored Guests Address Gathering At Lord Baltimore Hotel Monday Night

The heads of the various departments and employes of the Federal Treasury Department, of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Maryland District, held their second annual dinner dance at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, on Monday evening, December 7. Music was furnished by the Townsmen and Andrew J. Trageser, head of the Income Division, was the acting chairman. Collector Magruder permanent chairman and toastmaster of the meeting made the principal address. The guests of honor, each of whom made a short talk were as follows:

Hampton Magruder

Hon. Hampton Magruder, Collector of Internal Revenue, Maryland District; Hon. George J. Schoeneman, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C.; James R. Van Voorhees, Supervisor of Collectors, Maryland District; Hon. Gilbert A. Dailey, Collector of Customs, Port of Baltimore; and Paul M. Semers, Deputy Collector in Charge.

Movement Under Way To Secure New Hospital Here

Board Of Directors And Physicians Will Investigate Federal Aid Plan

The movement to secure funds by Federal appropriation for the erection of a new hospital in Elkton which has been urged thru the columns of the Star for the past several weeks, took form Wednesday of this week when the medical staff of Union Hospital met with the directors for a discussion of the cause. While no definite plans were forthcoming, there was an understanding that the physicians and directors would cooperate in the movement and attempt to formulate plans for a new hospital building.

Realizing that much work will have to be done and action must be taken immediately in order to secure a Federal appropriation, it is understood that information will be sought to ascertain how the organization will have to move in order to comply with Government specifications and plans.

With interest evident in the movement, it is understood the hospital physicians and directors of the institution are in thorough accord and will cooperate to the fullest extent in trying to get this project launched and under way.

Havre de Grace Principal Addresses Elkton P-T-A

Professor Walter Davis, principal of the Havre de Grace High School and Secretary of the Maryland State Teachers Association, spoke to the Elkton Parents and Teachers Association on Wednesday, December 9th.

Professor Davis spoke on the changes that have been made in Maryland in the past two decades. The outstanding changes mentioned by Professor Davis were: (1) changes in the number and type of pupils enrolled in the schools, (2) strides made in the training and qualifications of teachers, (3) changes made in the school offerings as represented by the different courses of study, (4) the amount of activity in which parents interest themselves in the school problems. Professor Davis further suggested that the various P-T-A's of the county organize into a county-wide association.

Other features of the program consisted of a vocal solo by Mr. H. E. McBride, accompanied by Mr. Edwin H. Barnes; a piano duet by Mr. McBride and Mr. Barnes; a reading by Mrs. Theodore Ott; a dance by Anne Collins and Mary Sclavos; a solo dance by Corinne Williams accompanied by Mrs. Collins; and a salute to the flag by some of the members of the seventh grade.

Approximately 50 parents and teachers were in attendance.

Route 40 To Be Opened Within Few Days

According to an announcement by the State Roads Commission, Route 40, between Elkton and Perryville, was opened to light traffic on Thursday. The road, the main arterial highway between Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, has been entirely closed to through traffic and in sections to local traffic since October 12.

Three contractors working on this stretch of the road have re-surfaced and widened the highway, and when completed it will be about twice its original width.

Trinity Xmas Bazaar Opens Next Week

The Parish Club of Trinity Church is repeating, this year, its Christmas Bazaar. A large variety of things will be on sale. Dolls, toys, fancy work and novelties, dish gardens and Christmas decorations, cakes and other foodstuffs will be offered. There will be a table of penny surprise packages and a number of nearly new toys will be sold at low prices.

The Bazaar will be held at the Parish House on Wednesday and Thursday, December 16 and 17 in the afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 and in the evening from 7:00 to 10:00. Tea will be served each afternoon.

8,546 Children In Cecil Under Twenty-One Years

School Census Figures Just Released Reveal Many Interesting Facts

Boys Number 4,265 While There Are 4,281 Girls. 4,981 Boys And Girls In Schools

The 1936 school census taken by the children and teachers of Cecil county during the first two weeks of November revealed many outstanding facts concerning the children of the county who are under the age of 21.

The report released by the Attendance Officer, Edwin H. Barnes, today showed that there is a total of 4265 boys and 4281 girls in the county.

Of the total number (4265 boys in the county, 2133 are in the public schools, 308 are in the non-public schools, and 1824 are attending no school whatever. Of those (1824) attending no school, it was found that 985 are under the compulsory school age, 824 are over the compulsory school age, and 17 are of the compulsory school age and who have been excused from school because of mental, physical, and specific handicaps.

4,981 In Schools

Of the total number (4281) girls in the county, 2193 are in the public schools, 347 are in the non-public schools, and 1741 are attending no school whatever. Of those (1471) attending no school, it was found that 1068 are under the compulsory school age, 663 are over the compulsory school age, and 10 are of the compulsory school age and who have been excused from school because of mental, physical, and specific handicaps.

The census showed further that the number of boys and girls under 21 years of age employed in the county was 670 and 294 respectively. The total number of unemployed boys and girls under the age of 21 years is 154 and 365 respectively.

In regards to physical handicaps it was found that 16 boys and 10 girls are afflicted. Ten boys and four girls were counted as being mentally handicapped.

Cecil Farmer Wins Tomato Contest

C. D. Cullen Takes Maryland Ten-Ton Honors With Record Yield

Five Other Cecil Growers Qualify For Membership In State Club

Clarence D. Cullen, Cecil county farmer, was disclosed today as Maryland's 1936 champion tomato grower, with announcement of the winners in the ten-ton tomato contest.

Herman A. Hunter, canning crops specialist for the University of Maryland Extension Service, said Cullen's farm yielded 17.6 tons of tomatoes per acre, the highest yield ever recorded in the nine years of the contest.

The previous record was the yield of 16.77 tons of tomatoes per acre on the Dorchester county farm of Russell P. Smith in 1932.

Gold Watches Awarded

Hunter said twenty-nine Maryland farmers qualified for membership in the Ten-Ton Tomato Club by growing ten or more tons of tomatoes per acre. The extension service conducts the contest for the Tri-State Packers' Association.

Previously, growers with the highest yields were awarded gold watches regardless of the acerage grown. This year, the contest was divided into the small acreage and the large acreage class. The two winners in each group will receive watches and a trip to the canning crops conference here in February.

Winners in the small acreage class were Cullen, the champion, and J. S. and E. T. Cullen, also of Cecil county, with 16.486 tons.

Large Acreage Winners

In the large acreage class, the winners were John F. Kolk, of Baltimore county, with 16.374 tons, and Riley J. Willey, of Dorchester county, with 14.630 tons.

Others who qualified for membership in the club were:

Cecil county—Harvey E. Simmers, Richard Baumann, S. Henry Montgomery, Howard R. Brown, W. Norman Clark.

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Mayor Jackson Out Of Social Security Act Fight

MAYOR HOWARD W. JACKSON

The Social Security Act as it now appears in the state press, has developed into a political squabble. From the names mentioned it appears that some of the proposed candidates for Governor are sparring for a position and are trying to make capital out of this humane movement.

Mayor Howard W. Jackson, however, has not been drawn into the fight and he states he would at any time, if he had any influence, do everything he could to take care of the present situation in which the State finds itself over this act. The Mayor stated that he is for any measure that will conform with the Federal Act or regulation whereby Maryland would meet the requirements to receive her share of the imposed tax to start this movement.

Greenacres Herd Takes First Place In Production

Deakin and Coleman Jerseys Lead Cecil Dairy Group For Nov.

Samendinger's Pure Bred Holsteins Win Individual Honors

Deakin and Coleman's Greenacres herd of pure bred Jerseys came back in the spotlight in November to land the top honors in the Cecil County Dairy Herd Improvement Association by producing 40.2 pounds of butterfat and 799 pounds of milk. Frank Kelly's herd of registered Holsteins took second place with an average of 34.5 pounds butterfat and 917 pounds milk, while third place went to the pure bred Jersey herd owned by Ennis McGrady and Son, with a production of 32.6 pounds butterfat and 644 pounds milk.

Eugene England's herd of pure bred Guernseys took fourth place with an average production of 31.5 pounds butterfat and 655 pounds milk, and fifth place went to Elk Manor Farm herd of registered Guernseys, owned by William Stradley, which had an average of 28.1 pounds butterfat and 495 pounds milk.

Samendinger Cow Individual High

Frederick Samendinger heads the individual cow list with "Blackie," pure bred Holstein. Her production for the month being 72.4 pounds of butterfat and 1608 pounds of milk. Frank Kelly took second and fourth places with two of his prize Holsteins, No. 15 producing 66.2 pounds of butterfat and 1470 pounds of milk, and No. 4, producing 60.9 pounds of butterfat and 1740 pounds of milk, and "Ann," registered Jersey, owned by Ennis McGrady & Son, stands third with a production of 62.2 pounds of butterfat and 1152 pounds of milk. "Walnut Lula's Hope," registered Guernsey, owned by Eugene England, places fifth with 57.1 pounds of butterfat and 1002 pounds of milk.

657 Cows On Test

J. T. C. Hopkins took sixth place with No. 20, pure bred Jersey producing 55.4 pounds of butterfat and 1065 pounds of milk, and F. S. Brown, placed seventh with Rose, grade Guernsey producing 543 pounds of butterfat and 1131 pounds of milk. Deakin & Coleman were eighth and tenth with Betty's Ruth, registered Jersey, producing 50.5 pounds of butterfat and 1203 pounds of milk and Wilful Ivy, also registered Jersey, produced 49.6 pounds of butterfat and 936 pounds of milk. H. B. Crowgey & Son placed ninth with D-6, pure bred Jersey producing 50.2 pounds of butterfat and 966 pounds of milk.

There were 657 cows on test during the month of November. The average production for the Association was 508.16 pounds of milk and 23.63 pounds of butterfat.

Cherry Hill M. E. Church Receives New Bell

The Rev. F. K. McCorkle, pastor of the Cherry Hill M. E. Church, announced today that the bell, recently ordered for the church has arrived and carpenters are now busy erecting a belfry in which the new bell will be hung.

It is expected that the tower will be completed within the next two weeks as the members of the church are looking forward to the use of the bell for the first time on Christmas day.

Manly Drennen Dies Suddenly Here Monday

One Of County's Most Prominent Citizens Dies In Bed From Heart Attack

Was Former Clerk Of Court And County Treas. Served As Police Magistrate

Former Clerk of the Circuit Court Manley Drennen, one of the most prominent citizens of this county, was found dead in bed Monday morning at the Howard, Hotel where he and Mrs. Drennen resided. Mr. Drennen was seventy-two years of age and had apparently been in good health until Saturday when he complained of pains in his chest. His death resulted from heart trouble.

The son of the late Thomas and Annie Elizabeth Worrell, Manley Drennen, the deceased was born in Elkton February 3, 1864. He was a great-great-grandson of Colonel John Hyland, of England, who was a lineal descendent of Lord Ancel de Guise of England. Colonel Hyland resigned his commission in the English Army and came to this country before 1665. He owned Harmony Hall Manor and St. John's Manor in what is now Cecil county.

Mr. Drennen's mother's family, the Manlys, were descended from King Milisus, of Spain. On his paternal side he was descended from Johnothan Drennen and Ann Holland,. and Ebenezer Drennen, an officer in the War of 1812. He had ancestors in the Revolutionary War.

The Drennen and Holland families were descended from foreign nobility, and Mr. Drennen and his sisters were invited to have a genealogical sketch of their family record in The Heraldic Register of Maryland, with their family coats of arms and crests, which was published in 1935.

Mr. Drennen attended the Elkton Academy and Poughkeepsie Business College in New York State. On his return to Elkton he became a merchant, after which he served as County Treasurer and as Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil county. During the World War he was with the duPont Company at Hopewell, Va. He later engaged in the real estate and insurance business and served as Police Magistrate for five years.

He was noted for his kind heart, his polite and couteous manner—a typical gentleman of the old school.

On November twenty-six, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Donnell, of Newark, Del., who survives him with two daughters—Mrs. Rose Manly Drennen Constable, wife of John G. Constable, of Elkton, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gladys Drennen Bowland, wife of Rufus Emory Bowland, of Old Hickory, Tennessee. He is also survived by a grandson, Rufus Emory Bowland, Jr., of Old Hickory, and two sisters, Mrs. John Meade Tucker, of Elkton, and Mrs. Alexander D. McConachie, of Baltimore.

Services were held this, Thursday, afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Tucker on East Main street, the Rev. Dr. J. Warren Albinson, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church was in charge. The active bearers were: Edward D. E. Rollins, Charles P. Bartley, Emerson R. Crothers, Joshua Clayton, H. Winfield Lewis, Victor S. Taylor, John J. Hartnett and Dr. J. F. Fehler. The honorary bearers were: George M. Evans, John E. Gonce, James F. Evans, Thomas Harlan, Cadmus Price, Harvey Mackey, Judge J. Owen Knotts, Judge Thomas J. Keating, Dr. W. T. Morrison, William C. Feehley, W. D. Bratton, Frank W. Thompson, George Vaggi, F. H. Alexander, Dr. S. Claude Sykes, Thomas J. Murray, Folger McKinsey, and Senator Millard E. Tydings.

Pi Alpha Fraternity To Sponsor Men's Meetings

At a meeting of the Pi Alpha Fraternity of Trinity Church, held in the Fraternity Room last Tuesday evening, it was decided that the Fraternity, whose members are the younger men of the parish, would sponsor a series of three yearly meetings for the men of Trinity Parish.

The meetings are to be of the general fellowship type, giving the older men of the parish the opportunity of meeting and knowing the younger ones, a speaker of real interest will be secured for each meeting and there will be games and refreshments. The first of the meetings will be held on Wednesday evening, January 20.

World War Veteran Hemorrhage Victim

Delbert Ward Cameron, a world War veteran, suffered a pulmonary hemorrhage about one o'clock Monday afternoon on Main street near the Elkton Hotel and died within a few minutes before he could be removed to the hospital for treatment.

The deceased was a son of the late Henry S. Cameron, and was forty-six years of age. He is survived by his mother, several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held at the Pippin Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon and interment was in Elkton Cemetery.