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Native Of Cecil County Buried At West Nottingham

Philip Sherwood Brumfield Died at His Home Near Van Bibber, Harford County

Was Prominent Farmer And Breeder Of Ayrshire Cattle

Philip Sherwood Brumfield, widely known resident of Van Bibber, Harford county, died on Friday, February 5, after an illness of several months. Mr. Brumfield had been in failing health for almost three years, but remained active until about December first when he was confined to his home. He was sixty years of age.

Mr. Brumfield was the second son of the late William and Georgianna Crouch Brumfield, and was born at Turkey Point Light Station at the head of the Chesapeake Bay, where his grandfather, grandmother and mother tended the light for more than fifty years. His mother was retired by the U. S. Government at the age of seventy.

He was highly regarded in the community and in recent years was engaged in contracting, painting and decorating. Formerly he was for a number of years engaged in the wholesale banana business in Philadelphia and for the past twenty years had resided in Harford and was associated with his brothers in law in farming and breeding Ayrshire cattle.

The deceased leaves his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Cora Tyson of Cecil county; two sons, Messrs. Philip Sherwood, Jr. and Richard Stanton Brumfield; and the following brothers and sisters, John C., Lawrence and Miss Rebecca of Philadelphia; Miss Mary Louise and Paul Brumfield, of Perryville. A grandson, Roger Lee Brumfield, also survives.

Largely attended funeral services were held at his late home at Van Bibber on Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock and were continued at West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, Cecil county at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Young of Washington, D. C., was the officiating minister and interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Mrs. Fleurry Sullivan of Van Bibber sang at the services in the home and also in the church. Funeral arrangements were in charge of J. E. Tyson of Rising Sun. Those who served as pallbearers were: Charles A. Norris, James McCommons, Edward Jackson, Fred Norris, Samuel Abramson and Thomas Greene.

Trinity Parish Club To Hold Food Sale

The Parish Club of Trinity Church, Elkton, will hold a food sale in the office of the Elkton Gas Company on Main street, Saturday, February 20 from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m.

Cakes, pies, salads, candy, chicken soup and hot rolls will be on sale. Rolls will be baked to order from 4:30 to 5:30 and those desiring to place orders are requested to call Elkton 160 or 217. Orders may also be left at the Gas Company office.

Sunday Services On Elk Neck M. E. Charge

Regular services will be held at Hart's and Wesley Churches on the Elk Neck M. E. Charge. At Hart's, Sunday School will meet at 10 in the morning. In the evening at 7:30 the Epworth League will meet with Donald Fogg as leader. Preaching will follow at 8.

At Wesley Church, Sunday School will meet at 2 in the afternoon with the preaching service at 2:45. The pastor will occupy the pulpit at all services.

P. R. R. Gives Contracts For New Electrification

The Pennsylvania Railroad has awarded contracts to five companies for the completion of the electrification of its eastern terminus lines.

The companies are McCloskey & Co., Vare Construction Company, James McGraw Company and Louchheim, Brown and McDonough of Philadelphia, and the Arundel Corporation of Baltimore.

The program has been divided into five sections, the work in each section to be completed by one of the companies. The railroad will furnish all materials for the project which will cost between $40,000,000 and $50,000,000.

The routes to be electrified are the main line from Paoli, near Philadelphia, to Harrisburg, the low grade freight line from South Amboy, N. J., through Morrisville, Columbia, and Enola, Pa., south of Harrisburg; and the freight line from Harrisburg, Pa., to Perryville, Md., which connects with the main electrified line from Washington to New York.

It is understood when the entire electrification project is completed, the Port Deposit-Columbia Branch will again be used for passenger service and that this route will be used as the main passenger as well as freight line to Harrisburg, between Baltimore, Washington and the West.

Huge Still In Operation Captured By Officers

A huge still of 3,000 gallon capacity, powered by a 20 horse-power steam boiler and in full operation, was raided by Deputy Sheriffs Lewis A. Seth, Elwood Racine and four Federal officers early Wednesday morning, and more than three thousand gallons of mash found in the course of being made into illicit whiskey.

Operators of the still, which was located on the property of Charles Shiflet, in the Fifth District on the road from North East to Turkey Point, made their escape before the officers arrived but an arrest is expected soon.

The still was complete in every respect and gave evidence of having turned out large quantities of illegal liquor. The officers destroyed the mash and other paraphernalia used in operating the still.

Voids License In Out-Of-State Auto Accident

O'Conor Rules It May Be Suspended For Non-Payment Of Judgment

No Distinction Made In Code, Attorney-General Tells Rudy

An automobile driver's license issued in Maryland may be suspended by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for non payment of a judgment against the driver even though the accident may have taken place in another State, Attorney-General Herbert R. O'Conor has ruled.

Walter R. Rudy, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, sought the ruling in the case of a Maryland driver involved in an accident in New Jersey. A judgment against the driver had been granted in the Maryland courts for damages suffered by other persons in the accident. Ninety days after the judgment was granted a certified copy of the paper was filed with the commissioner.

"Under the terms of Code Article 56, Section 187b, suspension of licenses is mandatory in these cases," wrote Mr. O'Conor, who, with Charles T. Leviness 3d, Assistant Attorney-General, made the ruling. "We find no distinction between judgments upon accidents occurring in the State and judgments from accidents occurring out of the State. Therefore, you ar eadvised that in our opinion the financial responsibility act applies to the case in question."

Queen Anne's Man Fined For Gas Tax Refund Frauds

Pleads Guilty To Three Charges And Conviction Brings Fine And Reprimand

Comptroller's Office In Drive to Stop Fraudulent Refunds On Gasoline Taxes

Fines totaling forty dollars in addition to court costs of $14.75 proved conclusively to Benny Cahall of Queen Anne's county that fraudulent refunds for gasoline taxes do not pay, according to information received by the Maryland Petroleum Industries Committee. The fines were imposed by Judge Thompson and the defendant was prosecuted by States Attorney Edwin Brown of Queen Anne's county.

Following the conviction and imposition of the fines on Cahall, who pleaded guilty to the three charges of fraudulent refunds, States Attorney Brown requested permission of the Court to make a statement. Turning to the crowded courtroom, State Attorney Brown said that he was in favor of gas tax refunds to everyone entitled to the refunds but he sincerely disapproved of fraudulent refunds. He said further that in any future cases of this nature, he would ask for the full penalty of the law which is $1,000 fine or 6 months in jail or both.

Edward J. Dyas, Chief Investigator for the Gasoline Tax Department of the Comptrollers Office was the prosecuting witness.

It is believed that this is the first case of a vigorous drive on the part of the Comptrollers' Office to stop fraudulent refunds of gasoline taxes.

North East High To Present Carnival Show

A carnival, with all the features, sponsored by the teachers and students of the North East High School, will be held in the auditorium of the high school building Friday and Saturday evenings, February 26 and 27. The affair will include side shows, vaudeville, dancing and bingo. As an added attraction, two of the dancing amateurs who participated in the recent Cecil Post radio show at the Elkton Armory will take part in the entertainment.

Proceeds from the show will be turned over to the spring athletic fund of the high school. The patronage of the public is cordially solicited.

Farm Bureau Group Outlines Wishes Of State Farmers

Organized Agriculture Will Present Proposals To Legislature This Week

Favors Administration Of Soil Conservation And Domestic Allotment Act

Legislative wishes of organized farmers of Maryland have been worked out in detail, and will be presented to the legislature this week, according to P. C. Turner, of Baltimore county, chairman of the legislative committee of the Maryland Farm Bureau. Mr. Turner's statement followed a meeting of the commitee of eleven leaders of the organization representin gall sections of the state held last week.

Against Tax Diversion

Tax problems, as usual, attracted major attention of the farm leader group. The organization will continue to fight for a state income tax, and the continuance of selective sales, or luxury taxes, according to Mr. Turner. The committee again oppoesd diversion of gas taxes in any form, but stated oppsition to a Constitutional Amendment prevented diversion at this time. Elimination of state levies on real estate for tax purposes were also favored by the farm group, but again legislative, rather than Constitutional means of accomplishing the purpose were favored.

Would Aid Real Farmers

"Three recent proposals were included in the questions on which the farm bureau leaders took action," Mr. Turner reports. "The Maryland organization will support the national farm bureau in its stand for a conservative policy on the farm tenancy question, favoring a plan which will help real farmers to own lawn, but which will not put the Government in a position of loaning money to those who have not proved their ability to operate farms. The group favored the administration of the soils conservation and domestic allotment act through the extension service of the University of Maryland, and also favored proposals which would provide legal methods for the establishment of soils conservation districts to control soil erosion which is doing permanent and long timee damage to Maryland's resources."

The committee also went on record as favoring a stronger grading law for farm products, and adequate appropriations for the control of Japanese beetle, Mr. Turner announced, and also urged passage of a stronger law for the control of poultry thievery.

Rebekah Assembly Head To Meet Ladies Here

A meeting to which the women of Elkton and vicinity are invited will be held in the lodge rooms of aNtional Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F., in the Rubenstone Building, Friday evening, February 26 at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Lelia B. Pitcock, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Maryland, and her staff, will be present and the work of the Rebekah Lodge, ladies auxiliary of the Odd Fellows Order, will be explained. The local lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebekah Assembly hope to establish a Rebekah lodge here, and all ladies of the community who are interested are invited to attend this meeting.

Rev. J. R. Field At Trinity Wednesday

The visiting preacher at Trinity Church, Elkton, next Wednesday evening, February 24, at 7:30 o'clock, will be the Rev. J. Randolph Field, Minister in charge of St. Stephen's Chapel, Cecilton. The Rev. Mr. Field is an Elkton boy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Maxwell Field, and is the only youth given by Trinity to the ministry of the church in its over one hundred years of existence.

Parts Fighting Dogs, Dies From Excitement

Becoming excited in trying to part two fighting dogs, Frank Cohee, 67 years old, well known resident of Fredericktown in the lower part of this county, and upper part of Kent county, dropped dead from a heart attack shortly after he walked into his home Monday morning.

Mr. Cohee who for the last 25 years has carried the mail between Fredericktown and Lambson Station, had just completed his first trip for the day and was on his way home for breakfast, when two dogs, one of which he owned, got into a fight. He undertook to part them and was over exerted. He had hardly taken his seat at the breakfast table when he was stricken.

He is survived by his wife, one brother, Charles, of Warwick, one daughter, Mrs. Jennie Kirk, wife of Postmaster J. W. Kirk, of Fredericktown and one son, Franklin, of Washington, D. C., and three grandchildren. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment at Galena.

Mr. Cohee owned and operated several fishing boats before he beecame mail carried.

$110,000 IS WILLED TO SMITHSONIAN BY DR. W. L. ABBOTT

Former Resident Of Cecil County Leaves Legacy To Perpetuate His Work

Died in Philadelphia Last April — Willed Elk Neck Farm To State For Forest Preserve

The work that Dr. William L. Abbott carried on in life for the Smithsonian Institute will be perpetuated through the $110,000 legacy announced yesterday in Philadelphia, where he died last April.

Dr. Abbott—no relation to Dr. Charles G. Abbot, Smithsonian secretary—was associate in zoology at the institution for more than 40 years. Of independent means, he financed expeditions to the far corners of the earth for scientific rarieties which were added to the collections of the Smithsonian.

Born In Philadelphia

"He probably brought more material to the National Museum than any other individual," Dr. Alexander Wetmore, assistant secreetary of the Smithsonian, said.

Dr. Abbott was born in Philadelphia in 1860 and, although he studied for the medical profession, he never practiced further than the needs of members of his exploratory parties required.

He retired from active work in 1923, after having been directly responsible for the addition of thousands of items of scientific interest to the Smithsonian, including birds, mammals, fishes and plants, many of which were of previously undiscovered species. Since that time, he has continued to assist the Smithsonian financially, and at his death one-fifth of the estate was made available to carry on.

Left Farm To State

Following his retirement, Dr. Abbott settled in Cecil county and operated a farm in the Elk Neck section several miles south of North East. This farm he left to the State of Maryland with a request that it be used either as a park or forest preserve. It is understood that plans are now under way to carry out Dr. Abbott's wishes.

Taxpayers Asked To Discuss Bills Before Assembly

Representatives In Legislature Call County-Wide Meeting To Obtain Views

Seek Guidance In Matters Now Before Legislature That Will Have Wide Effect

Headed by State Senator Harold E. Cobourn, the Cecil representatives in the Maryland General Assembly have called a county-wide meeting of taxpayers for Saturday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock in the Elkton Court House.

Senator Cobourn who made the announcement of the meeting, stated that the meeting is being held for the purpose of acquainting the citizens of Cecil county with Bills introduced or to be introduced in the Legislature, and to obtain the views of the people on these important questions.

In view of the widespread interest, and in view of the fact that matters coming before the Legislature affect most everyone, the Senator and Delegates desire that a representative audience be present and to be prepared to give its views on the questions.

Bills covering the subjects outlined below have already been introduced and the representatives are seeking guidance in these matters.

Legislation introduced by Cecil representatives:

1. A Bill to postpone reassessment. (under the law as it now stands there will be a statewide reassessment this year.
2. Gasoline bill. (Provides for license to wholesaler upon agreement that it (the wholesaler) will sell gasoline at the wholesale rate obtaining in Pennsylvania and Delaware).
3. Marriage signs. (Provides for tax on all signs soliciting marriages).
4. Prevent issuance of marriage licenses after 6 p. m.
5. Bill to provide for a county license or fee of $3 in addition to the State fee of $2. This county fee has been dedicated to the hard surfacing of dirt roads, proportioned to the several districts according to dirt road mileage.
6. Hawkers and Peddlers license. (A bill designed to protect our established businesses from non-resident vendors.
7. Bill to close Clerk's Office at 1 p. m., on Saturdays.
8. Repeal and reenactment of the State Police Law.

Legislation in the course of prepara-

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Chesapeake City Answers Appeal From Red Cross

Mrs. H. E. McBride, Chairman, Reports Collections Amount To $583.00

Entire Community Joins In Cash Donations To Aid Flood Sufferers

Responding to the call of the American Red Cross for immediate funds for relief in the sections that have suffered from floods in recent weeks, the community of Chesapeake City went far beyond its quota, the report of Mrs. H. E. McBride, chairman of activities in that section showing that in Chesapeake City a total of $583.00 has been collected.

Among The Donors

The largest contributors were employees of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Dredging Company, now at work on the canal project, who contributed $210.70. The Arundel Corporation employees gave $150.00, and employees of The Continental Dredging Company donated $51.60. The Presbyterian Church gave $35.00, and the Chesapeake City School $16.73.

Other Contributors

Among those whose contributions ranged from $1.00 to $10.00, were: Ladies Auxiliary of the Chesapeake City Fire Co., The Civic Club, Daughters of Pocohontas, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Independent Ord of Red Men, The Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. Adelaide Foard, St. Monicas Guild, Boy Scout Troop, Mrs. Douglas LeFevre, Miss Eleanor Tittler, Mother Superior, Foard Bros., Manager and Patrons of Rio Theatre, Mr. Groome Steele, Mr. Rudolph Wharton, Rudy's Restaurant, The Daughters of America, Mr. George Thornton, Mrs. Fred Bramble, Chesapeake City Fire Company, The Sunshine Society, Mrs. Frank Carpenter, Chesapeake City Town Commissioners, Miss Kay Price, Mrs. George Benson, American Stores Company, Mrs. Helen Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McBride.

Delaware Man Dies From Motor Crash Injuries

Succumbs In Havre de Grace Hospital Following Wreck Of Principio Hill

5 Clyde Landis, of Wilmington, Del., died in the Harford Memorial Hospital at Havre de Grace Monday from the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Principio Hill Saturday night. Landis, driver of one of the cars that figured in a head-on collision, received a fractured skull and other injuries. His death brings the total of fatal accidents in Cecil county up to five since January 1. Mrs. Florence Whiteford, also of Wilmington, who was accompanying Landis, was also seriously hurt and her condition still remains critical although she has a chance of recovery according to hospital attendants today.

Others Badly Hurt

Clifford Heritage, of Millville, N. J. sheriff of Gloucester county; his wife, Anna, and his daughter, Ethel, occupants of the other machine, had less serious injuries. All were out; Mrs. Heritage had a dislocated hip and Miss Heritage, consussion of the brain. All are stil lconfined to the hospital.

Perryville Lodge To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Perryville Council, Junior Order American Mechanics, will celebrate their golden anniversary Thursday evening, February 25, at Perryville. W. T. Boulden has been appointed chairman of the committee on arranging the celebration and the State Councilor and other State officials of the Order will be present.

Elk River Indians Make New Jersey Governor A Chief

At a meeting of the Tadpole Club, a political organization in Trenton, New Jersey, Governor Harold Hoffman, of New Jersey, was inducted into the Oklahoma Indian Tribe with title of chief, Tuesday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies. Indians from the Elk River Indian Reservation at Circus Park, near Elkton, headed by Chief White Horn and Chief Blow Snake, conducted the ceremonies in tribal costume. Several hundred club members and friends of Governor Hoffman witnessed the affair. The Elk River Reservation Indians were in charge of Alfred Tamargo, superintendent of the reservation.

Local Churches Cooperate For Lenten Services

Community Observance Of Season Will Be Celebrated In Trinity Church

Wilmington Churches To Supply Ministers For Four Afternoon Services

Sponsored by the Rector, The Rev. Dr. J. Warren Albinson, with the cooperation of the Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley of the Elkton Methodist Church and the Rev. Albert E. Thomas of the Elkton Presbyterian Church, The Elkton Community Lenten Services will be held in Trinity Church, West Main and Bridge streets, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week. The services will begin promptly at 12:30 p. m. and be concluded at 1:00 o'clock.

This year is Wilmington year and included in the list of visitors are:

Monday, March 22—The Rev. Dr. Walter E. Gunby, Wilmington District Superintendent of the M. E. Church.

Tuesday, March 23—The Rev. Charles W. Clash, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church, Wilmington.

Wednesday, March 24—The Rev. Dr John W. Christie, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington.

Thursday, March 25—The Rev. Dr. Park W. Huntington, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Wilmington.

These men are all leaders in their respective churches and their coming should be a great privilege for the church people of the community.

Bethel Ladies Aid To Give Washington Party

The Ladies' Aid of Bethel Church will hold a George Washington Birthday party in Union Grove school house, Tuesday evening, February 23. The party was originally scheduled for Monday evening, February 22, but conflicting dates caused a change. The entertainment will start at 7 o'clock and in addition to the program of the evening, the ladies will have refreshment and other good things to eat on sale.

Woman's Club Speakers Held Up By Snow Storm

State Forester F. W. Besley and Chief Deputy Game Warden Richard Norris, who were to have spoken at a meeting of the Woman's Club of Elkton in the New Theatre Tuesday afternoon, were held up by the snow storm that swept this section and were unable to reach Elkton. The speakers got as far as Aberdeen but were held there until four o'clock in a traffic jam on the state road; they returned to Baltimore after telephoning their predicament to Mrs. J. Wirt Lynch, chairman of the meeting. The club hopes to have the speakers appear at one of their meetings later in the season.

Auto Deaths Total 67 During Month Of January

Near Record Reached As Result Of 65 Accidents On Highways

Straight, Concrete Roads Claim Most Victims—Three Killed In Cecil County

Automobile death accidents in Maryland for 1937 started off with a bang, the record for January, according to figures released today by Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Walter R. Rudy, being 67 persons killed, an increase of 41 over the figures for January 1936. This record ranks second for any month during any calendar year, since the records have been compiled by the Commissioner's office, from 1922. The highest record was during the preceding month of December 1936, when 71 persons were killed.

Of those persons who met their death on the highways of this State in January, 38 were pedestrians, an unusually high rate, 7 of whom had been drinking, one had physical defects and 30 were apparently normal and in full use of their faculties. A great majority were killed crossing between intersections.

The report continues to show that most deathes occurred on clear days, on straight roads, during the hours of darkness, and an item that is worthy of consideration, is that Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the week end days, show an equal number of deaths, the unlucky 13. In Cecil county, there were three deaths during the month, an increase of one over the same month of last year.

The 67 deaths during the month resulted from a total of 65 accidents and included among those killed were 38 pedestrians, 12 drivers and 17 passengers. Of these 44 were white males, 15 white females and eight colored males. Thirty-five of the fatal accidents occurred on clear days, nine during cloudy weather, five when it was foggy and 18 while it was raining.

Straight roads again claimed the greatest number of victims, 26, while eleven were killed at intersections and 13 between intersections. Eleven were killed on curves, two on steep grades, one on a bridge and three on railroad crossings. Forty people were killed in accidents on highways that were dry, 26 met their death on wet roads and one on icy roads. Good, straight, dry concrete roads again proved the last mile for most of the victims as in 33 of the 65 fatal accidents, death took the wheel under those conditions and caused 34 deaths. Thirty-two occurred on macadam roads and one on another type.

Of the 76 machines figuring in the death of 67 people, 54 were passenger cars, 16 trucks, one taxicab and two motorcycles. Operating too fast again lead the list in the fatal accidents, 37 of the mishaps being charged to that. Experienced drivers, or those having an experience of five years or more, figured in the majority of accidents, 40. Twenty-eight of the drivers were between the ages of 20 and 29, while 22 were between 30 and 39.

Twenty-three of the fatal accidents, causing the same number of deaths, occurred in Baltimore City, while 42 accidents entailing 44 deaths, happened in the counties.

Chicken Salad Supper For Wesley Chapel Work

The ladies of Wesley Chapel will hold a chicken salad and oyster supper on Thursday evening, February 25. The supper will be served from 5 until 8 and the proceeds will go to the fund that is being created to decorate the interior of the church. The public is cordially invited to patronize this worthy event.

North East Seeks Government Aid For Basin Project

A delegation from North East, representing the Chamber of Commerce of that town, was among the five delegations of Marylanders appearing before the board of engineers for rivers and harbors of the War Department in Washington Tuesday of this week.

Appearing before the board at the suggestion of Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough, the members of the Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the project, with a representative from the Board of Town Commissioners, stated to the Board that the construction of an adequate channel and anchorage basin would result in reviving the seafood industry of the upper bay, and also attract many people from Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, who are unable to find adequate facilities for their boats.

Rev. Irving L. Insley and Mauldin Lum, members of the Chamber of Commerce, were spokesmen for the delegation. Those attending from North East were, Charles A. Ferguson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Rev. Irving L. Insley, John M. Lilley, Mauldin Lum and Walter I. Smith. While no definite action was taken by the engineers, the North East delegation felt very much encouraged over the hearing.

Dan Cupid, With Pint And Auto, Target Of Arrows At Hearing

Religious And Civic Leaders Rap Elkton's Marriage Marts And Alcohol-Inspired Weddings In Seeking Delay Between License And Ceremony

(Annapolis Bureau of The Sun)

Annapolis, Feb. 17.—Dan Cupid, with a pint on his hip and an eight-cylinder automobile was an undefended target here today for a group of religious and civic leaders interested in legislation that would end Maryland's billboard-advertising marriage marts.

Led by Harvey E. Bickle, a former magistrate of the Baltimore People's Court, and Senator Harold E. Coburn (Dem., Cecil), whose constituency includes Elkton, home of the marrying parsons, the group urged the combined Senate and House Judiciary committees to act favorably on bills that would require at least a two-day delay, after issuance of a license, before a marriage could be performed.

Not only would the proposed legislation put a finish to alcohol-inspired "dare" weddings of young people, Mr. Bickle said, but it would enhance legally Maryland's reputation by removing the label of an "easy marriage" center.

Calls Situation "Disgrace"

Taking a fling at his own county's situation, Senator Cobourn said the marriage business at Elkton was a "disgrace and a stench in the nostrils of every public-spirited citizen." He has introduced repeatedly bills to curb the Elkton marrying parsons and has charged their defeat up to lobbies operated by the ministers and by other interests with which they are allied.

There was some discussion during the hearing as to the merits of the bills the two committees are considering. Delegate William S. Wilson, Jr., (Dem. Third Baltimore), chairman of the House committee, said a clause requiring publication of marriage license applications might result in undue pressure on some couples from relatives.