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Maryland Real Estate Values Show Increase

Upward Trend Noted For Three Consecutive Years

Maryland Values Average Better Than Those Of United States

The Maryland index of farm real estate values on March 1 of this year was estimated by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, at 98 per cent of the 1912-1914 average, according to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. This was the third consecutive year of increase from the low point of 90 in 1934. These gains are in line with increasing farm incomes which have shown marked expansion during this period. Maryland land values on March 1 this year were 4 per cent above those on the same date a year ago. The United States index on March 1 was 85 as compared with the low point of 73 in 1933. Last year the United States index was 82 per cent of the 1912-1914 average.

During the period 1912 to 1937, Maryland farm real estate values rose steadily to 1920 when there was a rise of 30 points in the index over that of the previous year. This was followed by a 20 point decline in 1921. Steady declines varying from 1 to 5 points continued to 1932 and 1933 when there were decreases of 14 and 16 points respectively. There was no change in 1934. A slight gain, the first in 16 years, occurred in 1935. Following a moderate increase in 1936 and again this year the index is now about 9 per cent above the low point in 1933 and 1934.

The Maryland index of farm real estate values has varied from 166 in 1920 to 90 in 1933 and 1934. This range is smaller than the average. The United States index has ranged from 170 in 1920 to 73 in 1933. The highest index in any state during the 26 year period was 230, the lowest 48. Over the period 1912-1937 Maryland farm real estate values have averaged 18 per cent above the 1912-1914 base. The United States average for this period was 13 per cent above the base. Maryland land values have been above the 1912-1914 average, 20 out of the last 26 years, those for the United States, 19 out of the last 26 years.

Last Civil War Veteran Succumbs At Havre de Grace

Was Last Survivor Of Great Conflict In Harford County

John Carr, last surviving Union veteran of the Civil War in Harford county, died last Thursday morning at the home of his niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Carr in Havre de Grace. Mr. Carr had made his home with his niece and nephew for the past seventeen years, and for the past six years he had been bedfast. He was 93 years of age.

The son of the late Thompson and Polly Carr, he was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1844, and came to Cecil county when a young man. On August 20, 1864 he enlisted in Company K, Sixth Regiment, Maryland Infantry, with Captain John G. Simpers in command. He participated in the Battle of Sailor's Creek and Fredericksburg, as well as in other skirmishes during the ten months he served in the Union Army. On June 20, 1865 he was honorably discharged in Washington, D. C. While a member of the G. A. R., he was unable to take an active part in the affairs of the Post while in Havre de Grace.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lewis Seth, of Elk Mills; Mrs. Sadie Wright, of Wilmington, Del.; and one son, Mr. Thompson Carr, of Philadelphia, and a number of nieces and nephews, as well as grandchildren. Chief Deputy Sheriff Lewis A. Seth is one of the surviving grandsons.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at his late home with the Rev. R. Allen Brown, pastor of the Havre de Grace Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. J. C. Ledbetter, pastor of the Havre de Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Cherry Hill Cemetery this county. Joseph L. Davis Post No. 47, American Legion was in charge of the funeral, members of which acted as bearers. On Thursday business places and homes throughout Havre de Grace displayed flags in honor of the last Harford county survivor of the war between the States.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PROGRAM, LISTS 53 GRADUATES

Dr. Guy E. Snavely Speaker At 155th Annual Commencement On Monday, June 7

Announcement has been made by President Gilbert W. Mead, of the program for the 155th Commencement at Washington College along with the list of 53 prospective graduates.

The program will open on Thursday, June 3, with the President's reception and continue through until the afternoon of Monday, June 7, closing with the meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors.

Saturday, June 5, will be alumni day and the commencement proper will be held on Monday with Dr. Guy Everett Snavely, executive secretary of the Association of American Colleges, as the commencement orator.

Other features will be the commencement play on Thursday, June 3, the June Fete and Commencement Ball on June 4, the baccalaureate sermon by President Mead and the musical concert on Sunday, June 6.

The prospective graduates are:

Alger Hammond Abbott, Berlin, Md.; Robert Lyles Adamson, Rockville, Md.; Lelia Reed Anthony, Millington, Md.; Francis Howard Bratton, Elkton, Md.; Alonza Elliott Brown, Snow Hill, Md.; Marian Emory Brown, Centreville, Md.; Paul Egbert Bruehl, Centreville, Md.; Walter Galen Clark, Still Pond, Md.; Frances Ruth Clough, Price, Md.; Hartley Joseph Dunton, St. Albans, N. Y.; Edward Nathaniel Evans, Frankford, Del.; John Edward French, Cordova, Md.; Arthur Weedon Goodhand, Jr., Salisbury, Md.

Elizabeth Watson Hall, Crisfield, Md.; Ernest William Hall, Williamsport, Md.; Mary Irma Harrington, Ridgely, Md.; Anna Duffield Harris, Chestertown, Md.; Jean Chute Harshaw, Lansdowne, Pa.; Alvin Wilson Herrera, Randallstown, Md.; Leland Russell Holsinger, Ridgely, Md.; Clifton Hope, Mt. Michaels, Md.; Mary Catherine Kirwan, Chester, Md.; William M. McCullough, Chestertown, Md.; Joseph Howard McLain, Baltimore, Md.; Addie Louise Nicholson, Baltimore, Md.; Fedon George Nides, Centreville, Md.

John Wilkinson Perry, Jr., Centreville, Md.; Phoebe Louise Pyle, Chestertown, Md.; George Bacon Rasin, Jr., Worton, Md.; Marie Elizabeth Regester, Barclay, Md.; Gladys Edna Riggins, Bridgeton, N. J.; Margaret Lyons Saulisbury, Ridgely, Md.; Katherine Souder Sheppard, Shiloh, N. J.; Elizabeth Kathel Short, Ewell, Md.; Phillip James Skipp, Bristol, Conn.; Marvin Hugh Smith, Federalsburg, Md.; Robert Lyles Snyder, Baltimore, Md.; Jay Franklin Spry, Hillsboro, Md.; Mary Eleanor Stevens, Barclay, Md.

Martha Louise Stevens, Barclay, Md.; Anna Louis Strickland, Snow Hill, Md.; Margaret Catherine Sutton, Kennedyville, Md.; Wilson Sutton, Kennedyville, Md.; Robert Lee Swain, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Marion Eugene Taylor, Princess Anne, Md.; Estelle Barbara Wesley, Baltimore, Md.; Mary Woodland Westcott, Chestertown, Md.; Mary Jo Wheatley, Chestertown, Md.; James Benjamin White, Stevensville, Md.; Robert Burnette White, Salisbury, Md.; Ann Elizabeth Whyte, Perry Point, Md.; Florence Conrath Wilmer, Chestertown, Md.; Lawrence Karn Yourtee, Brunswick, Md.

Sons of Veterans To Hold Memorial Services

The members of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans will attend divine services at Union M. E. Church, Sunday morning, May 30th, at 11 o'clock.

On Monday morning, May 31st, they will decorate the graves of all soldiers in the following cemeteries: Elkton, Bethel, St. Augustine, Cherry Hill, Sharps, St. John's, Leeds, Union, Boulden's Chapel and Cedar Hill. The following committees have been appointed:

Elkton, Bethel and St. Augustine—Winfield Lewis, Norwood Atkinson, Lee Chillas, Aquilla Miller, John McCauley and Robert J. McCauley.

Cherry Hill—Lyman Spence, John Kelley, Harry Davis, Leroy Spence and Samuel Miller.

Sharps and St. John's—Samuel Miller, Leroy Spence and Henry Spence.

Leeds and Cedar Hill—Joseph Yocum and Wilbur Campbell.

Union and Boulden's Chapel — Thomas Gross, Randall Miller, Roy Miller, Benjamin Miller and James Bowlsby.

The Memorial Exercises will be held at Union M. E. Church, Monday afternoon, May 31st, at 2 o'clock. Mr. James W. Hughes of Elkton, will deliver the address. Music will be furnished by the Elkton Band. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies Aid Society of Union Church.

Contributions may be given to Aquilla Miller, Wilbur Campbell, Winfield Lewis, John McCauley, Roy Miller, Lyman Spence, Samuel Miller, Robert McCauley, Benjamin Miller, John Kelley and Randall Miller.

CAMPUS ROYALTY

College royalty are Gladys Riggins and Jean Harshaw, pictured above, seniors at Washington College. Miss Riggins, of Bridgeton, N. J., is princess of the June Fete which will be held on Friday, June 4, while Miss Harshaw, of Philadelphia, is queen of the courts, her work as a member of the men's varsity tennis team being the outstanding feature of the year in sports at the Eastern Shore college.

Fire Schools For State Firemen Ready In October

Training School For Volunteer Firemen Made Possible By Appropriation

Instructor Will Also Train Firemen In Local Fire Houses

Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, announced recently that the Volunteer Firemen's Fire Training Extension Department of the University of Maryland would be in operation after October 1, 1937, when the $10,000 appropriated becomes available.

This fund was included in the new University budget that passed the last session of the Legislature. Part of the fund would cover traveling expenses, clerical hire, printing of fire fighting manuals and pamphlets, and the regular Short Course Fire College held annually at the University of Maryland, College Park, in September.

The newly created department will be under the supervision of Dr. S. S. Steinberg, Dean of the College of Engineering. Following a conference with the Fire College Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Dean Steinberg announced that an itinerant fire training instructor would be appointed to travel throughout Maryland conducting Fire Training Schools for volunteer firemen in the local fire houses.

The local Fire Schools as well as the annual Short Course are to be given free to volunteer firemen in an effort to help reduce the number of injuries to firemen and to increase the efficiency of the fire departments throughout the state, enabling them to render the best possible service to their communities.

Final Figures On Christmas Seal Sale

With a total contribution of $437.75, Cecil county stood fourteenth among the twenty-three counties in the sale of Christmas Seals according to the completed figures of the sale in the counties released today by William B. Matthews, Managing Director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

The contributions from the counties on the Eastern Shore were, Wicomico, $822.06; Talbot, $750.40; Dorchester, $670.51; Caroline, $513.59; Cecil, $437.75; Kent, $397.87; Worcester, $330.27; Queen Anne's, $262.91; Somerset, $177.40.

"The total returns from the counties of the state were indicative of an increased interest in the struggle against tuberculosis by the people and insure the continuation of the relentless fight against the disease. Although several counties failed to reach their 1935 totals the complete returns were encouraging," Mr. Matthews said.

Applications On Old-Age Pensions Being Received

Claims For $100 Or Less Do Not Need Notary Seal, Says Field Office Head

Lump-Sum Settlements Due Persons Becoming 65 Before 1942

Applicants for lump-sum settlements under the old-age annuities provisions of the Social Security Act will not be required to have their claims certified by notaries if the claim is for $100 or less.

Luther Becker, Security Board representative in charge of the field office in Baltimore, said that claimants do not have to employ attorneys or agents to help them in filing claims. Any person eligible for a setflement, it was said, will be given all necessary aid.

Lump-sum settlements are given to those persons who become 65 before 1942, when the first monthly pensions will be distributed.

Becker's Statement

In an announcement Mr. Becker said:

"Persons should not confuse the old-age benefits provisions of the Social Security Act with State old-age 'pensions' or other laws. The old-age benefits part of the act provides for two things: first, lifetime monthly benefits to those who qualify for them, and, second, lump-sum payments to those who have engaged in work not specifically exempted under the act but who do not qualify for monthly benefits.

"To qualify for monthly old-age benefits, a person must have worked, after December 31, 1936, in employment not specifically excepted by the law, for at least one day in each of five separate calendar years, and have received a total of at least $2,000 in wages, prior to reaching 65 years of age.

For Monthly Payments

"To receive monthly payments an eligible person must retire from regular employment.

"Lump-sum payments amount to three and a half per cent. of the total wages earned in covered employment after December 31, 1936, and prior to age 65. They are paid to workers who become 65 but who do not qualify for monthly benefits.

"If a wage earner dies before reaching 65 or before he, or she, has filed a claim for a lump-sum payment, his or her estate will receive the payment due.

Simple Form Devised

"Further to simplify the filing of lump-sum claims, the board has devised a simple form to be used by each of the five different types of claimants. Separate forms are provided for claims filed by the wage earner himself, by the widow or widower, by other close relatives, by the executor or administrator of the estate, and by guardians or committees.

"Each of these forms is a simple one, asking a minimum of two questions to a maximum of twelve questions. A sixth simple form, known as 'Statement by Employer,' is a simple one to be made by the employer giving the total amount of wages earned by the worker, and the period of his employment.

"Copies of each of these forms can be had at the Baltimore office, or at the Social Security Board field office closest to the domicile of the claimant. They may be obtained also from the board's office in Washington, D. C.

"Claimants should submit certain supporting papers for adjudication of the claims. These papers are: (1) proof of date of birth where the claim is for an amount in excess of $100; (2) proof of death, if the wage earner is deceased, and, (3) proof of appointment where the application is filed by an executor, administrator, guardian or committee.

Body of Canal Victim Buried at County Home

The body of a white man, about 55 years old, found floating in the Chesapeake and Delaware canal late Saturday afternoon, was buried in the county cemetery after being held several days awaiting identification.

The body was sighted by the captain of a yacht. He notified the bridge tender. Coroner Dr. Richard C. Dodson of Rising Sun took charge of the body.

Dr. Dodson said the man weighed 160 pounds, was 5 feet 9 inches tall, had black hair, and was dressed in a black overcoat, a brown double-breasted suit, and a shirt with the letter "M" on the sleeve. There were no identifying papers. It was estimated that the body had been in the water several months.

Mayor Mitchell Wins For Another Term

Defeats Former Mayor McKenney By Almost 2 To 1 In Monday's Election

In one of the most spirited elections in recent years in Elkton, Mayor Henry H. Mitchell was re-elected last Monday over former Mayor Taylor W. McKenney by a majority of 316. Mayor Mitchell received 691 to his opponent's 375, a total of 1,089 ballots out of a registration of 1,625 having been cast.

In the race for seats in the Town Council, C. H. Masemore, making his first run, led that end of the ticket with a vote of 587, defeating A. Victor Davis running for re-election. Davis received 475 votes. George W. McCool received 513 votes to be returned to his seat in the Council, while Edward M. McKeown received 458.

Mayor Mitchell's friends point to his big majority as a tribute of the voters to his aggressiveness in securing the numerous improvements for the town and the fact that further progressive developments are under way. The Board will meet Wednesday evening, June 2, for organization.

Horses To Show On Saturday At Twin Lane Farm

St. Georges Hunt Club Spring Program Shows Sixteen Events

Cecil County Horses Will Perform Several Listed Events

Horses from Wilmington, West Chester, Elkton, Chestertown, and other parts of Maryland and Delaware are entered in the spring show to be held by the St. Georges Hunt Club on Saturday at Twin Lane Farm on the highway north of St. Georges. In case of rain the show will be held next Monday.

The show will open at 10:30 o'clock. The program consists of 16 events. At noon luncheon will be served by the members of the Cinderlane Equestrienne Club. The club will also conduct a refreshment stand all day on the show grounds.

The events of the day will include flat races, juvenile saddle classes, class for green hunters, ladies' jumping class, touch and out class, and membership class.

During the show an escort train will be demonstrated by the men from Fort DuPont.

One of the classes will be for green hunters, horses that have never won a ribbon or prize in any jumper class at any other show. The trophy is a cup donated by Dr. William Fenimore. It has to be won three times to become a permanent possession. In 1935 it was awarded to Miss Deborah G. Rood and last year to Buddy Wiggins of Hillandale Farm.

The pony classes have been arranged for both large and small ponies. There will also be a children's jumping class for boys and girls under 15 years of age.

Ribbons and trophies will be given in all classes. Post entries will be received at the show on Saturday.

The proceeds will be given to the Delaware City Fire Company.

Parochial School Holds May Exercises

The pupils of the Elkton Parochial School held their annual May procession last Sunday afternoon. Led by the sisters of the school, the children marched to the Immaculate Conception Church, where the exercises were held. Miss Marie Bedwell, the May Queen, crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Her attendants were 12 girls from the seventh grade. Jimmie Eder was cross bearer; Ruth Satterfield, banner bearer with Gloria Crouch and Julia Eder, attendants. The Rev. P. P. Arnd, pastor of the church, gave a short address with benediction by the Rev. George Creswell, who is in charge of the Oblate Seminary at Childs, Md.

Elkton Eloper Freed Of Abduction Charge

Kenneth Buckner, 23, of Brooklyn, who eloped to Elkton, on April 3 with Dorothea Hansen, 17, also of Brooklyn, was acquitted Wednesday in Kings County Court of a charge of abduction. The jury deliberated three hours.

The girl's father, Walter, had objected to Buckner's attentions to her, and when the couple returned from Elkton had signed a complaint.

Buckner's bride was in court. He smiled and waved to her, but his troubles were not over. A detective took him away to Queens county where he faces a burglary charge.

Deadline Set For Work Sheets On AAA Sail Program

Aim To Prepare Information In Planning Farm Operations

Participants In 1936 Program Not Required To Make Out New Work Sheet

June 12 has been set by the East Central Division of the AAA as the last day on which work sheets for the 1937 agricultural conservation program will be accepted at the county office, it is announced by J. Z. Miller, county agent.

Mr. Miller states that June 1 had previously been announced as the deadline, but that in order to give every farmer who desired to participate in the program an opportunity to do so the time has been extended to June 12. He emphasizes the fact that farmers who filed work sheets for the 1936 program do not have to turn in work sheets again this year.

Mr. Miller explains that work sheets are used in preparing information that will help farmers plan their farming operations so as to take part in the program. However, farmers who file worksheets are under no obligation to take part in the program, if they later decide that they do not desire to do so.

Two reasons make necessary a closing date for accepting work sheets, Mr. Miller says. First, information prepared from work sheets filed later than June 12 could not well be supplied to farmers in time to be of use to them this year. Second, checking of performance is expected to begin in certain areas in June and the county office will need to complete the handling of work sheets prior to that time.

Mr. Miller also stated that the payments received in Cecil county for the 1936 program averaged $105. per farm. A total of 417 farms participated in the county.

School Athletes Ready For Annual Track-Field Meet

More Than 700 Students Will Participate In Games At North East

North East Athletes Will Battle To Hold County Championship

More than seven hundred students, representing every school in Cecil county, will compete in the annual track and field championships Friday on the athletic field of the North East high school. This the twenty-third annual affair will get under way in the morning at 9.30 and all events will be under the direction of the Playground Athletic League.

The morning events will consist of ten events in which schools of all classes will compete. At eleven o'clock the badge tests will start.

In addition to several relays and novelty races, the afternoon program, which will get under way at 1.30, holds the spotlight for the day. In the track and field events, twenty-six events are scheduled in which several hundred students will participate.

With seventy-five entrants, North East leads but is closely followed by Elkton with 69. Rising Sun is third in the number of entries, 55, while Perryville is sending 44 athletes into the competition. Cecilton will be represented by 33, Chesapeake City by 31 and Calvert, 25.

Always a gala event in county school life, the games this year are expected to outdraw former occasions by a wide margin and those in charge of the field at North East are making arrangements to take care of a capacity crowd. Much rivalry exists among the schools over the championship games, especially between North East and Elkton and the County Seaters are going to attempt to win back the honors which have been taken by the Fifth District school the past three years.

Health Dept. To Hold Chest Clinic Here

The Cecil County Health Department announces a chest clinic to be held at the office of the department on Wednesday, June 9. The clinic, the only one to be held in the county during the month of June, will be under the direction of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and Dr. Bridges will be in charge.

Persons having chest complaints are requested to present themselves at this clinic for a free examination. The clinic will open at 10.00 a. m.

Odd Fellows Fete Opens Friday For Nine Gala Nights

Carnival Grounds Take On Appearance of Fairy Land

Prominent Officials Of Three States To Be Here Wednesday Evening

Carpenters, decorators and painters have been working for the past week on the old railroad station lot on Railroad avenue preparing the location for the annual carnival of the Elkton Odd Fellows, and now two days before the grand opening, a once deserted place has been transformed into a brilliant and sparkling spot with hundreds of lights, gaily painted booths, attractive amusements and many other features to provide high class entertainment. The carnival is scheduled to run for nine nights opening Friday of this week and throughout the entire time a special feature is scheduled for each evening.

The committee, headed by J. Howard Ash, has left nothing undone in order to provide comfort and convenience for those who attend. The grounds have been put in fine shape, there will be plenty of parking space and special police protection will be provided for those attending in cars. The carnival will be operated on a high plane and the committee has refused to allow any pretense of gambling; money wheels have been tabooed as well as other course features of carnivals and everything possible will be done to make the place a pleasure to visit for young and old. The best ferris wheel and merry-go-round available have been secured for the occasion and much of the amusement will be centered around these.

On Wednesday evening the big parade will be held in which prominent men of three states will participate. Fire departments from Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania will be in line as will fraternal organizations from four states. In addition to the firemen and fraternal organizations, there will be an industrial and comic section. Prizes will be awarded for all four sections. The Governors of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Mayors of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wilmington, Newark, Havre de Grace and other cities have been invited to attend the grand affair on Wednesday evening and quite a number have accepted.

Closing Program For Graduates At George Biddle Hi

Rev. J. Randolph Field Will Preach To Graduates Sunday, June 6

Class Night and Commencement To ollow June 9 And 10

The service for the graduates of George Biddle High School will be held in the Chapel at Cecilton, Sunday morning, June 6 at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. J. Randolph Field will conduct the service and preach the sermon to the graduates.

Class Night exercises will be held in the Community House at Cecilton, Wednesday evening, June 9 at eight o'clock. The play to be presented is entitled "Keep Off the Grass."

Graduation exercises for the Class of 1937 will be held in the Community House at Cecilton, Thursday evening, June 10, at eight o'clock. President J. D. Blackwell of the Salisbury State Teachers College will deliver the address. The graduates are as follows:

Allen Ward Bailey, Florence Mae Blanchfield, Pauline Rita Beckwith, Betty Elliott Burrill, Sara Elizabeth Dixon, Sara Louise Farrow, Alfred Clarke George, Stella Wilson Loller, Leona Belle Pearce, William Howard Price, Osborne Julian Smith, Irene Rhoades Wolfe, Shirley Elizabeth Duckworth.

Seventh grade graduation exercises for the schools of the First District will be held in the High School Building at Cecilton, Thursday morning, June 11, at ten o'clock. Rev. C. E. Davis will deliver the address.

Miss Edna Kirk Bride Of New Castle Man

Miss Edna Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Kirk of Chesapeake City, and Mr. Paul Shilling of New Castle were married on May 22 by the Rev. Henry Caldwell. Miss Edna Benson and Mr. James Gorman of Chesapeake City were the attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Shilling will live in New Castle.