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Grand Jury Acts To Secure Better Jail Conditions

Also Requests Better Sanitary Conditions In and Around Court House

Joins State's Attorney In Requesting Elimination of Traffice Hazard at North East

To the Honorabl, The Judges of the Circuit Court for Cecil County:

We, the Grand Jurors of the September Term, 1937, of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, having completed the work brought before us, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined 4 Constables, One Justice of the Peace, 81 Witnesses and found 35 Presentments, 35 True Bills and ignored 4 cases.

The Committee composed of Tullard Buckworth, Rufus Jackson and Guy E. Lockerman, appointed to inspect the Alm's House, compliment the over-seer, Mr. B. F. Crouch, and his family and associates for keeping the buildings and premises in first class condition, and found 23 Inmates, consisting of 15 white males, two colored males, 5 white females and 1 colored female. Live stock and supplies and implements were found on the farm as follows: 9 Cows, 4 Heifers, 1 Bull, 3 Horses, 17 Hogs, 24 Pigs, 1 Stock Hog, 100 Chickens, 21 Turkeys, 65 Ducks, 600 Lbs. Salt Pork, 1 Bbl. Salt Fish, 100 Bu. Potatoes, ½ Bbl. Molasses, 10 Tons Hay, 10 Tons, Straw, 22 Acres Corn in shock, 40 Tons Coal in Cellar, 1 Tractor Plow, 1 Binder, 1 Grain Drill, 1 Corn Planter, 1 Mower, 1 Side Delivery Rake, 1 Hay Loader, 1 Double Disk Harrow, 1 Spring Tooth Harrow, 1 Roller, 1 Sulky Cultivator, 1 Hand Cultivator, 1 One Horse Plow, 1 Farm Wagon, 1 Seed Sower, 1 Feed Mill, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Wood Saw, 3 Sets of Harness, 1 McCormick Deering Tractor. The above are all in good condition.

The Grand Jury in a body inspected the County Jail and the Sheriff's residence and found 26 Prisoners, as follows: 20 White Males, 4 Colored Males, 2 White Females.

The Condition of the Jail and residence was found in as good condition as possible under the circumstances, however, we beg to call the County Commissioners' attention to report by the Director of the State Department of Welfare, dated September 9, 1937, which reads as follows:

"This Jail represented a disgraceful situation of twenty-seven prisoners, men and women, white and colored, at large in the large corridor and unlocked cells, with the exception of one white girl locked in a cell by an openwork metal door which kept her confined but offered view and means of communication to any of the prisoners on the outside. Four of the other five women were locked in a double cell at night only, the only toilet or lavatory facilities being one tin bucket. During the day they used the same toilet as the men, in a washroom at the rear. The sixth woman prisoner was the wife of one of the male prisoners, and she occupied a mattress on the floor in the cell with her husband. Five of these women were held on charges involving prostitution and disorderly house.

There were few beds; many old mattresses on the floor; practically no bed clothes with the exception of a few blankets.

The food is generally good. It is prepared and served by two trusties. During the inspection the inspector discovered that in the handing in of plates of food to the prisoners, who eat at a long table in the lower corridor, the young woman locked in her cell had been over-looked that morning. She was then given a breakfast such as was served to the others: scrambled eggs, potatoes, bread, syrup and coffee. An allowance of 40 cents per day per prisoner is made, but the supplies are ordered and bills sent to the County Commissioners for payment.

Several prisoners had recently escaped and but one of them was caught. The conditions of the jail make desire to escape and facility in doing so not surprising.

Conditions here are not such as should be tolerated in an enlightened community."

We strongly recommend the conditions complained of be remedied at once, there being only three other Jails in the State in as bad condition as this one.

The Grand Jury also recommended that broken plaster and floors be repaired at once and that the wall and East end of the Jail be pointed where needed.

The State's Attorney has recently requested the State Roads Commission and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to eliminate the hazard existing in the under pass on Route No. 40 near North East, Maryland, and

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Victor R. Bennett Dies Suddenly On Street

Retired Merchant and Prominent Republican Expires Near His Home Wednesday

Victor R. Bennett, 67 years old, a retired merchant and one of the leading Republicans of Elkton, dropped dead near his home on West Main Street, Wednesday.

Mr. Bennett was returning home with some feed he had purchased for his chickens, when he was stricken and died almost immediately within about 100 feet of his home.

Mr. Bennett was a life-long resident of Elkton, a son of the late John and Mary Denney Bennett. For many years he had been vestryman of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church here. He was a member of the Elkton Fire Department and connected with several fraternal societies. For nearly 30 years he had been a member of the Board of Election Supervisors for Cecil County. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Bertha Dunbar, and one sister, Miss Lillian D. Bennett.

Visitors From West With Iron Hill Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Walton, of Carmi, Illinois, have been spending the last two weeks with the former's nephew, William B. Walton at Iron Hill, this county. Mr. Walton, a brother of the late Charles Walton, moved West about 40 years ago and has been very successful in business. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Whistler, formerly of Newark, Delaware, who also went to the West about fifty years ago.

State Police Open Campaign Against Faulty Headlights

Drivers To Be Given Five Days To Remedy Matters After Reprimand

Use of Fog Lights In Clear Weather Also Comes Under Official Ban

Maryland State police have opened a campaign against motorists driving with improper, glaring or defective headlights.

Capt. Edward McK. Johnson said orders were issued to police Monday to reprimand drivers for first offenses. Copies of the reprimands will be mailed to headquarters and will be filed in the office of Walter R. Rudy, Motor Vehicle Commissioner.

May Lose Permits

If, at the end of a five-day period, the offenders have not corrected the defects in their lights, they will be summoned to appear before Mr. Rudy for a hearing. Unless satisfactory excuses are given, Captain Johnson said, the drivers may lose their permits for five to ten days.

Motorists from Baltimore city who receive reprimands must, within the five-day period, report to State police headquarters here and submit their cars for examination and approval. County drivers must report to the police substation nearest their homes.

Two Sets of Lights Banned

Police also were ordered to halt and reprimand drivers whose cars have both regular headlights and yellow fog lights turned on. Many cars and trucks are using the fog lights in clear weather, and the effect of the two sets of lights is confusing to other motorists, Captain Johnson said.

The police are within their rights in specifying that only two headlights may be used, he added. Fog-light offenders will be haled before Commissioner Rudy after their second offense.

Held Under Bond On Sunday Selling Count

Mrs. Lulu M. Agee, who operates a roadhouse on United States route No. 1, near Rsiing Sun, was arrested and brought to the county jail here Monday night by Deputy Sheriff Elwood Racine, charged with selling beer on Sundays, contrary to the new liquor law for Cecil county passed by the Maryland Legislature last winter. Ethel Williams, a waitress, was also taken into custody.

When taken before Police Magistrate George L. Ewing, Rising Sun, both women were held under bond for a further hearing.

Annual Rally Day At Ott's Sunday School

The annual rally day exercises at Ott's Sunday School will be held Sunday, October 3 beginning at 2 in the afternoon.

Rev. Henry G. Welbon, of Newark, will be the speaker. All friends and former members of the school are cordially invited to attend.

School Athletes Open Fall Series Friday, This Week

Soccer and Field Ball Teams Will Go Into Action Again

Division Winners Will Play For County Championship November 12

The annual fall schedule of athletics in the Cecil County high schools will get under way Friday, October 1, with soccer and field ball engaging the eight institutions until November 12.

As in the past, the schools will be divided into Southern and Northern groups with a schedule of six games. The regular season will close with the games on November 5 and the following weeks the winners in each group will play for the county championship.

The Southern Division will be composed of North East, Elkton, Chesapeake City and Cecilton, while the Northern teams will be Kenmore, Calvert, Perryville and Rising Sun. The teams have been working out for the past several weeks and the race this year lines up as closer than the one in 1936 when Chesapeake City and Perryville won the honors in their respective division and the Canalers went on to win the the county championship.

The opening games Friday will see North East at Elkton, Chesapeake City at Cecilton, Kenmore at Calvert and Perryville at Rising Sun. The girls, participating in field ball will carry on the same schedule.

The complete schedule is as follows:

The Schedule

October 1: North East at Elkton, Chesapeake City at Cecilton, Kenmore at Calvert, Perryville at Rising Sun.

October 8: Cecilton at North East, Elkton at Chesapeake City, Rising Sun at Kenmore, Calvert at Perryville.

October 15: Cecilton at Elkton, North East at Chesapeake City, Calvert at Rising Sun, Perryville at Kenmore.

October 21: Elkton at Cecilton, Chesapeake City at North East, Rising Sun at Calvert, Kenmore at Perryville.

October 29: Chesapeake City at Elkton, North East at Cecilton, Kenmore at Rising Sun, Perryville at Calvert.

November 5: Cecilton at Chesapeake City, Elkton at North East, Calvert at Kenmore, Rising Sun at Perryville.

November 12 has been set for the championship games between the division winners.

Rites Held Wednesday For Oliver C. Giles

Funeral services for Oliver C. Giles, 68 years old, president of the Elkton Fire Department and former Elkton postmaster, were held from his late home on North street Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Giles, who had been in poor health for about three years, died suddenly at his home Sunday from a heart attack.

The deceased was a son of the late William T. Giles whom he succeeded in the restaurant business here. He retired about three years ago when his establishment was destroyed by fire. He was prominent in fraternal affairs and took an active part in the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Oliver C. Giles, Jr., of Elkton, and one brother, Harry E. Giles, of Washington, D. C.

Elkton Insurance Man Goes To Boston Meeting

C. W. McDonald, of Elkton, well known representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, with district offices at Havre de Grace, has been awarded a trip to the annual convention of the company at Boston, Mass. The convention, which will be attended by managers, assistant managers and agents of the Atlantic Coast territory will be held October 1, 2 and 3.

Others who will attend from the Havre de Grace office are, Charles Winn, Clifton Tollenger and William McNamee.

Prisoner Fights, Is Subdued By Officer

Noah Connor, 25 years old, of Port Deposit, who is being held in the county jail here, waiting a hearing on a charge of being a hit-and-run driver, driving a car while under the influence of liquor, driving without an operator's license and assaulting an officer is alleged to have fought Deputy Sheriff Louis Seth, striking him several times before he was finally subdued.

Perryville Bank To Retire Outstanding Preferred Stock

The National Bank of Perryville announced on September 25th that they will retire all of their outstanding Preferred Stock on November 1, 1937. The Bank issued 5,000 shares of stock in April 1933, with a Par Value of $10.00 per share, at $30.00 per share the retirable value. This stock was sold to their depositors.

This stock has been retired in four different lots, viz: 1,667 shares on February 29, 1936; 1,667 shares on August 31, 1936; 500 shares on March 31, 1937 and the remaining 1,166 shares will be retired on November 1, 1937.

The officers and directors of The National Bank of Perryville are very much pleased with the condition of the bank, which has showed a steady growth since its organization, and extend their sincere appreciation to all who subscribed to the Preferred Stock.

The capital account of the bank, after the retirement of all Preferred Stock, will be as follows: Common Stock, $50,000; Surplus, $55,000; Undivided Profits, $12,000.

TWO ELKTON WOMEN INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Miss M. Blackburn, Health Health Department Secretary, Loses Eye

Miss Cornelia Lumpkin Suffers Chest Injury In Wreck

The condition of Mrs. Cornelia Lumpkin, county nurse and Miss Marian Blackburn, secretary in the office of the Cecil County Health Department, who were injured in an automobile crash in Baltimore Monday morning, is slightly improved although both are seriously injured.

Mrs. Lumpkin and Miss Blackburn were enroute to Elkton after spending the week-end at the home of the former when the car, driven by Mrs. Lumpkin evidently went out of control in making a turn and crashed into a tree.

Both women were rushed to the Union Memorial Hospital and later Miss Blackburn was removed to Johns Hopkins where her right eye was removed. She also suffered a fractured pelvis, cuts, bruises and shock. Mrs. Lumpkin received a severe chest injury when she was pinned in by the steering wheel. She is also suffering from lacerations, bruises and shock.

Bids Open On New Postoffice Site

Acting on instructions of the public buildings division of the U. S. Treasury, Postmaster J. Mercer Terrel received bids Monday morning for a tract of land for a new postoffice here.

Only three bids were submitted. These were: The Old Academy school grounds, on North street, $14,000; the Progressive Club, or Alexander Evans' residence, on West Main street, $16,000, and the Crothers-Evans property on North street, $34,000. The bids were sent to the procurement division in Washington.

Damage Claims On Canal Cut

The owners of Crystal Beach Manor, located along Elk River, near Earlville, have been awarded a verdict in the U. S. District Court at Baltimore of $14,000 in the condemnation suit against the Federal Government, to recover damages from the dredging of Elk River, in connection with the widening of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

The property owners, among whom was Dr. D. W. Lewis of Middletown, Del., had asked for a total of $80,000 in their original demands for settlement.

Maryland's Relief Costs Dropped During August

Board of State Aid and Charities Shows Decrease of Nearly $26,000

Maryland's relief and welfare expenditures dropped off nearly $26,000 during August, the latest monthly report of the Board of State Aid and Charities showed yesterday.

For all classifications of aid, including old-age pensions, aid to dependent children, blind assistance and general public assistance the State spent $566,711 last month—better than four per cent less than July's total expenditures of $592,100.

The report prepared under the direction of Executive Secretary J. Miller Patterson, said the State-wide decrease resulted from a drop of nearly ten per cent in Baltimore city's August relief costs as compared with the sums spent in July. The drop more than offset a slight jump in county relief costs, the report stated.

Cecil County Dogs Scarce In Trials At Hunters' Show

John Hagerty's Entries Win In Two Classes, Tree and Line

More Than Five Hundred See Annual Affair Held On Carpenter's Estate

The annual coon hound field trials conducted by the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters' Association was held Sunday on the R. R. M. Carpenter estate in the Bohemia River Bridge section, and drew upwards of 500 persons who saw 132 dogs compete for prizes in the 11 classes.

Judges in the tree contests were Lester Dayton of New Brunswick, N. J., Roger Brown of Chestertown, and Frank Cahall of Cecilton. The line judges were Jessie Webb, Kennedyville, and Lewis Jester, Cecilton.

The $50 prize for the best tree dog was won by Copperhead, owned by John Peterson of Johnson City, N. Y., and a $25 prize for best line dog was won by Sleepy, owned by Mr. Peterson. In the free-for-all money prizes He'll Fly owned by Jack Matthews, 513 West Street, Wilmington, won both the tree and line prizes.

The summary:

Class 1 —Novice—Line—Won by Bob, owned by Irvin Knabe, Odessa, Del. Tree, won by Jumbo, owned by John Haggerty, Earleville, Md.

Class 2—Novice—Line—Won by Dillinger, owned by J. W. Husfeld, Earleville. Tree, won by Duce, owned by Clarence Webb, Earleville.

Class 3—Novice—J. C. Downes of Chester, Pa., won the line race with Sam and the tree event with Spot.

Class 4—Fox race—won by Step, owned by J. Peterson, Johnson City, N. Y., with Rinso owned by Rayomond Messina, 701 Lincoln Street, Wilmington, second.

Class 5—First elimination—Line, won by Driver, owned by E. E. Walls, Millington, Md. Tree, won by Billy, owned by J. Peterson.

Class 6—Second elimination, line, won by Copperhead, owned by J. Peterson. Tree, Tempest, owned by E. E. Walls.

Class 7—Third elimination, line, won by Jumbo, owned by John Haggerty of Earleville, tree, won by Queen Betty, owned by Martin Shriver of New Brunswick, N. J.

Class 8—Fourth elimination—Doc Lou, owned by E. E. Walls, Millington, captured both the line and tree events.

Class 9—Free-for-all, line and tree events, won by He'll Fly, owned by Jack Matthews of Wilmington.

Class 10—Tree final prize $50, won by Copperhead, owned by J. Peterson.

Class 11—Line, final prize $25, won by Sleepy, owned by J. Peterson.

Farmers May Earn Allowance For Open Pasture Land

Improving Non-Crop Land Is Included In 1937 Soil-Building Allowance

Farmers of this county who are cooperating in the 1937 agricultural conservation program still have time to earn their soil-building allowance, according to J. Z. Miller, county agent.

Mr. Miller points out that an allowance for improving non-crop open pasture land is included in the 1937 soil-building allowance for the farm. This pasture allowance can be earned by applying lime, superphosphate or potash to pasture prior to October 31, 1937. Payment also may be earned for new seedings of permanent pasture such as bluegrass, clovers, timothy, and redtop, in adapted areas.

In addition to applying lime, superphosphate, and potash on permanent pasture, as well as rotation pasture, the soil-building allowance may be earned by making these applications in connection with fall seedings of bluegrass, clovers, timothy, redtop, and winter cover crops such as crimson clover and vetch.

Payment will be made for applying not less than 1,000 pounds of ground limestone per acre at a rate of $2.50 per ton on the Western Shore and $3.00 per ton on the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland.

For applying not less than 100 pounds of 16 per cent superphosphate per acre on soil-conserving crops, payment will be made at the rate of 60 cents per 100 pounds.

Payment also will be made at the rate of $1.00 per 100 pounds for applying not less than 30 pounds per acre of 50 per cent muriate of potash on land on which superphosphate is applied in accordance with the provisions of the program.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL FARLEY WILL ADDRESS YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Democratic National Chairman Will Be Speaker at Annual Dinner of Young Men's Democratic Clubs On November 17 at Lord Baltimore Hotel

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James A. Farley, Postmaster General and Democratic national chairman, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Young Democratic Clubs of Maryland, which will be held November 17 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore.

The announcement was made while the State's political pot was boiling furiously because of the now inevitable fight for the Democratic Gubernatorial nomination next year. Whether the coming of Mr. Farley presages an entrance of the New Deal into the Governorship battle is not known publicly.

Link Is Denied

According to usually reliable sources, there is no connection between the national chairman's pending visit and the Gubernatorial nomination. In this regard it was pointed out that the group giving the dinner decided late in the spring to invite Mr. Farley.

The time element involving the decision over the invitation, however, does not preclude the possibility of a tieup between the honor to be accorded Mr. Farley and the 1938 primary.

It is true, of course, that Mayor Jackson did not announce his candidacy for Governor until July and that a primary could have been avoided until Tuesday, when Lansdale G. Sasscer, president of the State Senate, threw his hat into the Gubernatorial ring. But political observers have believed for a far longer time than since last spring that a primary was in the making.

Opportunity For Farley

Sources close to the Young Democrats refused to admit any immediate connection between Mr. Farley and the election. The dinner, it was said, however, will give the national chairman an opportunity to express himself on the Maryland Gubernatorial situation—if Mr. Farley wants to express himself.

On several occasions the young Democrats have prepared the stage when the Roosevelt Administration wanted to sound off in Maryland. It was the clubs that arranged the meeting here in April, 1936, when the Fifth Regiment Armory was packed to hear the President.

Clubs Provided Setting

It also was the clubs that provided the dinner-dance setting at which Senator Tydings, in March, 1936, made his declaration in favor of a second-term for the President.

List of Guests

The list, in the order named, was: Mr. Welles, Senator Radcliffe, Senator Tydings, Howard Bruce, Democratic National Committeeman for Maryland; William S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller; Mayor Jackson, Herbert R. O'Conor, Attorney General of Maryland; Mr. Sasscer.

Senator Tydings, although he has not announced his candidacy, will seek to succeed himself.

Plans for the dinner, which will be followed by a dance, were completed last night at a meeting of the executive committee of the Young Democrats. The committee, William G. Gassaway, of Howard county, secretary, met at the Emerson Hotel.

Red Men's Show At North East Two Nights Next Week

Three-Act Comedy Will Be Presented By Local Talent

Cast Busy With Nightly Rehearsals Preparing For Big Event

A three-act musical comedy with a touch of melodrama will be presented by the young people of North East on Thursday and Friday evening of next week October 7 and 8, for the benefit of Shawnah Tribe, No. 105, Improved Order of Red Men, in the North East high school auditorium.

The play is a gay and colorful pageant in which gypsy life is depicted by the best talent in the community. Clothed in authentic costumes, the castrevels in gypsy life bringing out a story of the roaming nomads that takes its audience through gayety and sorrow in which comedy and melodrama is combined; but all ends well. A feature and one of the big hits of the show, is the dancing by a group that is trained to the split second for the hundreds of intricate steps which the young artists go through. Miss Dorothy Downing, representing the American Player Service producers of the show, is directing the play .

Those in the cast are, Clint White, Walter Wilson, Ralph H. Beachley, Edward Lawrence, Charles W. Brown, William C. Gonce, T. Kennard Blake, Jr., Jane Howard, Hallie Biddle, Marian Walbeck, Mrs. Flora England and Ann Carlson.

The dancing group is composed of the following: Ruth Gibson, Gertrude Craig, May Armour, Doris Miller, Vieno Westerian, Sarah Jane Alexander, Marie Lynch, Dorothy Manning, Sylvia Ferguson, Hazel Sykes, Esther Sadowsky, Martha Ruth Cramer, Jane Howard who will do a toe dance, Eugene Lilley a jockey dance specialist, and Mrs. J. Albert Roney, pianist.

Open Verdict In Fatal Crash Case

The jury summoned by Dr. R. C. Dodson, coroner for Cecil County, over the body of Roy Poor, 26 years old, son of Jacob Poor of near North East, who was killed on the Elkton-Chesapeake City road, near Elkton, last Thursday afternoon, when his car collided with a truck driven by James Newcomb of near Earleville, met in the Courthouse here, Wednesday night, but failed to place any responsibility for the accident.

After hearing the testimony of several witnesses, the jury rendered the following open verdict: "That Roy Poor came to his death from injuries sustained in an automobile accident with his car, driven by deceased, and a truck driven by James Newcomb, at a point near the Holly Hall farm, along Elkton-Chesapeake City road on the afternoon of Sept. 23, last."

The card party, for the benefit of the Church of The Good Shepherd, which was scheduled to be held in the Episcopal Parish House at Chesapeake City on the evening of Friday, October 1, has been postponed until Wednesday evening, October 6 at eight o'clock.

Bridge, and Five-Hundred will be played and prizes awarded. Refreshments will be served.

Perryville Wins First of Series From Rivermen

Railroaders Down Old Rivals In First of Three Game Series

Foard, American Association Hurler, Will Pitch For Havre de Grace Saturday

Havre de Grace and Perryville, ancient rivals on the baseball field and winners in their respective leagues for the 1937 season, will continue their three-game series at Perryville Saturday afternoon when the Railroaders look forward to making it two straight from their enemy from the Western shore of the Susquehanna.

Last week the Railroaders turned back the clan of Leithiser by a score of 4 to 2 to gain the first leg in the series. However, the Havre de Grace skipper is out to even the score this Saturday and for hill duty will have Jeff Foard, Aberdeen's gift to professional baseball. Foard, a southpaw hurler, is the property of the Boston Red Sox, and during the 1937 season performed in a creditable manner for Toledo, a Boston farm in the American Association. Conway will oppose Foard in the Saturday afternoon skirmish.

On Sunday the battle will switch to Havre de Grace where Winter, a Wilmington product, will hurl for Perryville while Havre de Grace will depend on the veteran Pink Donahoo for mound duty.

Winter Schedule For St. James' Church

The Rev. Dr. J. Warren Albinson announces that the winter schedule at St. James' Church, Port Deposit will begin with the opening service at 11 a. m., this Sunday, October 3. Every Sunday thereafter, with the exception of the fourth Sunday each month when the congregation is invited to attend the service at Tome School on the hill, there will be a service at that hour at St. James' Church.

Dr. Albinson will personally conduct the service on the third Sunday of each month. At St. Mark's Church, Aikin, of which Dr. Albinson is also rector, there is a service every Sunday morning at 9.30 o'clock and the Church School meets at 10.30 a. m. Mr. Horace B. Lilley will continue to assist the rector with the services at St. James.