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SPORTS

EYES OF LOCAL SPORTDOM NOW TURNS TOWARD BASKETBALL OVAL—SCARCITY OF RABBITS UNPARALLELED IN KENT COUNTY—OTHER SPORTS

With the passing of the football season, eyes of local sportdom have naturally turned toward the basketball oval, where Washington College will furnish some rare thrills in the near future. The team this year will, without doubt, be the strongest that ever represented the institution on the floor and may excell any basketball team that ever represented a state institution. Washington College has had some mighty good basketball teams in past years, but no such combination as this year's quint promises to furnish. Back there in 1913 we had Pearson as the bright star; then Lewis and Madden; then into the arena came Cain and Spedden; Robbins occupied the limelight for several years following this. With the passing of Robbins, local fans feared they would not see his equal for some time, but the coming of Carroll from Waterbury to Chestertown brought the brightest star in the whole galaxy of constellations; Dumschot followed closely after and showed class that nearly, but not quite, equalled Carroll, who stands alone as the premier basketball man at the college since Coach Kibler practically inaugurated the game here, for with his entrance to the institution as athletic instructor Washington College leaped into prominence on the oval. Gordy has developed into a player of real power on the floor and will doubtless show good form this year. Tall, rangy, powerful, we look for big things from him. The new players are the ones looked to fill the weak places of last year. Carrington and Dodson are said to be men of exceptional ability, while Fiore is looked to be a fixture at guard, although this last statement is only a conjecture. Our guards of last year, Johnson and Lohran, were men of real ability, and it will be interesting to watch the fight for honors in this quarter. However the first team is made up, the second team will be almost as strong, and some interesting games between first and second quints should furnish some real thrills. The season starts on December 16 with Navy at Annapolis, while Blue Ridge College comes here the following week. Basketball training began at the college Monday evening.

A good many from Chestertown witnessed the Army-Marine football contest, which marked the opening of the big Baltimore stadium, seating about 55,000 people. The Marines won 13-12.

With more than 1000 wolves already to his credit and with this year's total of dead wolves to be compiled, Edward Johnson, of this city, has laid claim to the world's wolf-killing honors.

The New York Times, a leading authority on sporting matters, picks Princeton as the leading team in the east; Cornell and Army, second; Pitt, Penn, Penn State, Univ. Penn and Syracuse, third, etc. All of this is simply a matter of opinion, and there are many who believe that Cornell, Pitt, University of Penn and Syracuse could swamp the Tigers.

The state football championship is in doubt this year. St. John's, had they defeated Hopkins, would have had a clear title to the same, having beaten all the teams they played. Maryland State, being put forward by some for the honors, can't have any claim to the championship, as they only beat Hopkins, 3-0, and did not play the other teams.

Penn State is in training for its New Year's day football game with University of California. This will be a most interesting game to watch, and while Penn State is not even mentioned in the class with our best Eastern elevens, they will, no doubt, give a good account of themselves on the Western Coast.

To the great increase in the fox family, probably disease and the long drought since Sept. 15 is attributed the scarcity of rabbits by State Game Warden E. Lee LeCompte. Warden LeCompte already has purchased 5000 Kansas cotton tail rabbits for spring delivery to help restock the state. He has found that the snowshoe rabbit, which was used last year to stock game preserves in Western Maryland, has either gone back to its native land or died. A large number of these animals was put out last year, but no one has either seen or killed any of them. Warden LeCompte has conferred with a number of specialists about the rabbit situation. There is no doubt about the unusual shortage this year. It is also declared that a disease has hit the rabbits which is very disastrous to them. Mr. LeCompte says also that foxes have killed more than the usual number this year, and that a hunter told him he found a fox den where five young rabbits and seven mallard ducks had been killed. Mr. LeCompte is also of the opinion that squirrel hunters killed a great many rabbits before the rabbit season opened.

The comfortable quarters at Mr. Ralph Barnett's Barber Shop in Chestertown has begun to draw the checker players in large numbers these days when real winter has begun to make itself felt by its chilly winds and threatening skies. Mr. Joseph Wheatley, "plumed knight of the board," is the recognized champion of the county, Prof. Blades, last year's champion being in the county. With the return of Prof. Blades to Chestertown will, naturally, come the long-looked for clash between Messrs. Wheatley and Blades, with the championship at stake. The return of Wm. Frazier Russell, Esq., from the savannahs of Birmingham recently means that the "plumed knight" will have a rival on the board that will make things interesting for him as the champion or the near-champion. Mr. Russell claims to have brought from Birmingham a new move styled the "Birmingham shift," which, against Mr. Wheatley's game he claims will be particularly effective. While these two gladiators fight it out upon the board for the chance to lift the championship honors from Prof. Blades all other sports will be of secondary importance here.

Public Meeting For Boy Scouts

At a meeting of the Boy Scout Council for Kent County, held Tuesday afternoon, November 21, it was decided to hold a public meeting in the Court House, Chestertown, on Monday, Dec. 18, 1922, at 8 p. m. All those interested in the boys of Kent County, in their physical, mental and moral development, are urged to be present and express their views on the subject.

Mr. Mitchel, the promotor of the Boy Scout movement on the Eastern Shore, will be present and it is requested by the Council that the people of Kent County will attend this meeting and hear what Mr. Mitchel has to offer for the boys of their county.

The Cost of Telephone Service

Telephone service has become of such universal use as to justify it as one of the various items which go to make up the householder's budget.

That its cost has not mounted to the extent of the other items is shown by the following comparison of per cent increases in costs throughout the United States since the year 1914, taken from the reports of the National Industrial Conference Board.

	Per Cent Over 1914	
	1920	1922
House Rents	58	65
Clothing	166	53
Fuel	66	81
Sundries	85	72
Food	119	40
Maryland Telephone Rates	23	23

This table shows that in 1920, the period of highest prices, the increase in the cost of telephone service over 1914 was less than a fourth of the average increase in the cost of the other items; and now, with prices largely stabilized, the increase is less than one-third of the increase in the other items.

The usefulness of the telephone service to the patron in a city, town or community depends largely upon the number of persons with whom he may communicate; in other words, the value of telephone service increases as the number of telephones increases.

In some places in Maryland since 1914, the number of telephones has increased as high as 100%; in the entire state the increase has been 53%. In other words, the increase in the value of the telephone service to the user in Maryland has greatly exceeded the increase in our rates.

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LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

—Mr. John Coxe, Sr., of Kent Co., is reported to have the second crop of apples on a tree in his orchard.

—The trustees of Rock Hall M. E. Church offered the old parsonage for sale, but it was withdrawn on a bid of $300.

—Much to the surprise of most of the people of Snow Hill, David S. Hickman has been appointed postmaster of that town.

—Noland's Christmas Store is full of fine presents for young and old. See their adv. in this issue and pay a visit to their store.

—Extreme care should be taken in making fires. In view of the fact that coal is scarce, most everything that will burn is thrown in the stove. As a result the chimney is liable to catch on fire.

—Employment has picked up in all sections of the country, according to a Department of Labor survey of the major industries in 355 principal industrial centers. An increase was noted in twelve of the fourteen major industrial groups.

—Nine new cases of diphtheria in the counties were reported this week to the State Health Department, making 25 for the first two days of December. No outbreaks have been reported in Kent this year, the cases being scattered over the state.

—Expenditures for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1923, and ending June 30, 1924, are estimated by the Budget Bureau at $3,180,843,234 in the budget submitted to Congress this week. That sum is approximately $523,000,000 less than the estimated expenditures for this year.

—A sudden rise in sweet potato prices on northern markets during the last few days was pleasing news to farmers of the Eastern Shore, who have just gone through a general depression due to the low prices received for practically everything raised the last season.

—Fire of unknown origin threatened to wipe out the town of Price, in Queen Anne's, Friday afternoon. For nearly an hour it was feared that the flames could not be controlled. The blaze started on the premises of Charles W. Leager and destroyed a barn, corn crib, shed and carriage house.

—In Talbot county the State Tax Commission is so displeased with the general assessment just completed that talk is heard that a new assessment may be made in that county. The County Commissioners, it is said, have threatened the Commission with injunction proceedings if they interfere further with the assessment.

—Agricultural relief legislation was pushed forward in the Senate as Congress settled down to work this week. Members of the upper branch gave first consideration to a farm program and prepared to discuss farmer bills and similar measures, at least until the House sent over the Ship Subsidy Bill.

—The Eastern Shore Churchman, published by the Publicity Department of the Diocese of Easton, appeared last week for the first time. Dean Bohanan is the editor and Rev. Matthews Goldie, of Ceciton, is business manager. It is a twenty-four page paper, devoted primarily to the news of the diocese and the parishes and is printed at Easton.

—The rush of the holiday season at the postoffice has already begun, and will continue to grow heavier until after the Christmas holidays are over. In order to facilitate the work at the postoffice, and to obtain more prompt and efficient service at the hands of the clerks, letters and packages should be mailed early and not dropped in, or carried in, just at the holiday season.

—William Travers is held without bail for the action of the grand jury at Cambridge on a charge of murder and admitted John W. Collier to bail in the sum of $5000 on the same charge after two witnesses positively identified Travers as the man who on Thursday of week before last fired the shot that ended the life of Emerson Pritchett. The cases against George and Frank Travers were dismissed.

—Vansant & Newsome, of Chestertown, have a full-page Christmas advertisement on page 5 of this issue. This firm stands at the very top of the gents' furnishing firms of this county and it will pay our readers to visit their store on High street and see their fine line of goods. Always having the very latest and very best in everything in their line, this progressive firm has even a better line at this time than ever before.

—Chincoteague now has the road leading to that place in fine shape. Thousands of loads of oyster shells and dirt have been hauled from the mainland and the low, boggy places have been repaired. The evil fate which prompted Chincoteague's new road to give way on the day of the island's greatest celebration—Nov. 15—was a sad embarrassment to its builders and to those who had been foremost in advocating its construction.

—With the close of November, Judge Thomas J. Keating, of Centreville, completed his first official tour of the counties comprising the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and in each of the fire counties he has already established an enviable and honorable record of judicial efficiency, alertness and capability. Queen Anne's people, who are keenly interested in seeing the judgship retained within Queen Anne's county, have been delighted with reports from Cecil, Kent, Caroline and Talbot counties to the effect that Judge Keating has made a most favorable impression in the circuit.

—Reports from 5000 Maryland farms representing something more than 10 per cent of all the agricultural estimates in the state, have been received at the Department of Agriculture in connection with the government's fall census of hogs, which has been carried out by the rural letter carriers of the country. No effort was made to obtain a complete census; in fact, 5 per cent of the farms in compact groups of 10 or a dozen rural estimates was considered as ample. In that sense Maryland has far exceeded the quota. Tabulation of the results may not be expected until Chirstmas, it is announced, then it is expected that definite information may be had as to the number of brood sows retained and the prospects for pig production next spring.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Hettie Thompson
versus
Naomi Starling Martin and Levy Martin, Cora Rolston and Harry Rolston, Vermadella Wilson and Elwood Wilson, Oliver Starling, Jr., and Bertha Starling.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, In Equity No. 2207.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for the sale of certain property in Kent County, Maryland, belonging to William T. Thompson, deceased, in order to divide the proceeds of sale among those interested therein.

The bill states, first, that William T. Thompson, late of Kent County, deceased, was in his life time and at the time of his death seized and possessed in fee simple absolutely of real estate, situate in the First Election District of Kent County, Maryland, on the East side of the road leading from Chesterville to Shadenrich, adjoining the lands of Wayman Thomas and Perry Henry Brown, and containing about six acres of land, more or less; the same property purchased from Charles T. Westcott about twenty-five years ago.

2nd. That being so seized the said William T. Thompson departed this life on or about April 24th, 1919, leaving a widow surviving him, the said Hettie Thompson, who is over twenty one year of age and resides in Millington, Maryland, and at times employed at Wilmington, Delaware.

3rd. The said William T. Thompson. deceased, left the following heirs at law:

(a) Cora Thompson, who was a daughter by Georgia Thompson, the first wife, who died about the year 1902; and who intermarried with Harry Rolston, and both are over 21 years of age, and reside in Millington, Maryland.

(b) Naomi Starling Martin, granddaughter of the said William T. Thompson, and a daughter of Mary Starling, who died about twenty years ago. She intermarried with Levy Martin, and both are over twenty-one years of age, and reside in Camden, New Jersey.

(c) Vermadella Wilson, a granddaughter of the said William T. Thompson, and a daughter of Mary Starling, who died about twenty years ago. She intermarried with Elwood Wilson; both are over twenty-one years of age, and reside in Millington, Maryland.

(d) Oliver Starling, Jr., a grandson of the said William T. Thompson, and a son of Mary Starling, who died about twenty years ago. He intermarried with Bertha Starling; both are over twenty-one years of age, and reside in Millington, Maryland.

4th. That the said real estate will not admit of being divided among the parties entitled thereto as aforesaid, without material loss or injury to said parties, and that it would be for the benefit and advantage of all the parties interested therein to sell the property and divide the proceeds among them.

It is, thereupon, this 22nd day of November, 1922, ordered by the Circuit Court for Kent County, In Equity, that the plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in said Kent County, once in each of four successive weeks before the 18th day of December next; giving notice to the said non-resident defendants, Naomi Starling Martin and Levy Martin, of the object and substance of this bill, warning them to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 2nd day of January next, to show cause, if any they have, why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

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W. Bradford Copper, Assignee,
versus
Milton P. Crew, Hettie H. Crew.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County.
In Equity No. 2193.

Ordered, this 15th day of November, 1922, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the mortgaged real estate mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by W. Bradford Copper, assignee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Milton P. Crew and wife to Ida V. Crow, dated April 10, 1920, and duly assigned to W. Bradford Copper, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 20th day of January neyt;—Provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 18th day of December next.

The Report states the amount of Sales to be $1150.00.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO BE RELIEVED AS TRUSTEE

In The Matter Of William T. Lusby, Trust Estate.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County.
In Equity No. 1880.

Ordered, this 4th day of November, 1922, by the Circuit Court of Kent County, on the petition, exhibits and affidavit filed in this cause, that Thomas W. Perkins, the Trustee in the above entitled cause, give notice of his application to be relieved and discharged from the further execution of the trust, by advertisement inserted in some newspaper published in Kent County, once a week for four successive weeks, warning all persons to show cause, if any they have, on or before the 15th day of December, 1922, why the application of the said Trustee should not be granted.

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