COUNTIES' TAX BASIS JUMPS

REASSESSMENT IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BIG GAIN BY $82,000,000.

That the taxable basis of the counties of Maryland has increased $82,000,000 in real and personal property and $12,000,000 in securities is shown in the annual report of the State Tax Commission now in the hands of the printers. This increase, it is stated, was due to the reassessment of 1923.

The Commission declares it is imperative that the five-year period for reassessment be maintained on the ground that equalization can be made effective in no other way. It is shown that due to the re-assessment there has been a decided reduction in tax rates in all counties.

Recommendations made by the Commission include re-valuation of the rolling stock of railroads annually, and that the Commissioners of Motor Vehicles furnish to the County Commissioners of the several counties and to the Appeal Tax Court of Baltimore city a quarterly list showing the names and residences of automobile owners.

There were 1052 new corporations formed in 1923 and 50 foriegn corporations entered the State for the purpose of doing business.

The amount of bonus tax collected on new corporations for 1923 was $60,673. It is stated the Commission now exercises jurisdiction for assessment purposes over some 8,000 corporations.

The total taxation basis of the State of Maryland, including all property subject to both full and limited rates, was shown to have been $1,872,123,185 for 1922. Of this, $1,304,614,143 was made up of real and tangible personal property. The security basis was $267,336,709, the balance being of corporation shares and personal property of business corporations, the total assessment against bank and trust company shares being $68,875,381. For 1923 the total basis of all property is shown to be $2,065,961,465.

The physical valuation of real and personal property of steam railroads, not including rolling stock, is shown to be $68,690,086, an increase of $2,700,000 over 1922. This increase is the result of the reassessment of this class of property by the Tax Commission.

—Arrangements for taking over and operating the old Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railroad line from Love Point to Lewes, Del., were advanced materially Tuesday.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE $250,000 ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN.

Plans for the Washington College Endowment Fund Campaign for $250,000 or more are going forward splendidly. James W. Chapman, Jr. Esq., of Baltimore has accepted the chairmanship and will direct the appeal to be made to the citizens of Maryland, particularly the Eastern Shore and Alumni. Senator Dudley G. Roe is Vice-chairman of the committee. Plans are under way to organize every one of the nine counties. The following chairman have already been secured:

Kent County, Allan A. Harris.
Cecil County, I. T. Kepler.
Caroline County, E. M. Noble.
Wicomico County, Mrs. Geo. A. Bounds.

Mr. Chapman in accepting the Chairmanship, said he believed Washington College was facing its greatest era of usefulness to the state. That in recent years, it had shown splendid vigor. The attendance of the students increasing 50% in the last three years and the enrollment in the college department doubling in the same period.

To make of Washington College all it can and should be, will require that our citizens, particularly on the Eastern Shore, where the greatest profits of the college are received, shall come forward in sacrificial giving that shall provide a permanent endowment. Too long has Washington College held out its hands for State appropriation as a main dependance for support. We must assert our public spirit and do for Washington College what citizens elsewhere have for years been doing for their colleges. We cannot retain our self-respect and do otherwise. Governor Ritchie and his associates in the state administration are earnestly endeavoring to reduce taxes. This means pruning all along the line. We must begin preparations now to provide a permanent endowment that shall take the place of previous appropriations. A bill has been introduced in the Senate, carrying an appropriation of $100,000 for Washington College upon the condition that the college raise $200,000 additional. It is squarely up to us. We appeal to the natural pride of Marylanders, especially the Eastern Shore. In several respects, our college is below standard. This means that our boys and girls graduated from Washington College are at a disadvantage. The purpose of this endowment is to change this situation and send our boys and girls out on a par with the graduates of other colleges.

The general plan of the campaign is to conduct the intensive solicitation in Kent County from March 27th to April 8th, and in the other counties beginning April 3rd., completing the Eastern Shore solicitation before the middle of April.

County Agent's Notes

By Horace B. Derrick.

DAIRYMEN TO MEET.

One of the biggest problems of the Kent County Dairymen is the dairy ration. The importance of raising protein feeds on the farm is not fully realized. Likewise, what to buy to balance the feeds grown is a problem to many.

What we Raise on the Farm should be the basis for computing our Dairy Rations. What we Buy should fit in with what we Raise so as to make the Most Economical Balanced Ration.

Looking toward the solution of the above problems, I have arranged with the Extension Dairy Specialist and Agronomy Specialist to be present at a series of meetings which I have arranged with Kent County Dairymen. These meetings are in accordance with the "Programs of Work" of the Farm Bureau Locals and should prove very profitable to every Kent County Dairyman. Meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, March 25th, 9:30 a. m., Massey Hall.
Tuesday, March 25th, 1:30 p. m., Millington High Sshool.
Wednesday, March 26th, 9:30 a. m. Kennedyville School.
Wednesday, March 26th, 7:30 p. m. Still Pond Grange Hall.
Thursday, March 27th, 9:30 a. m., Worton Grange Hall.
Thursday, March 27th, 7:30 p. m., Chestertown Court House.
Friday, March 28th, 9:30 a. m., Rock Hall High School.
Friday, March 28th, 7:30 p. m., Fairlee School.

Mr. Dairyman, these will be blackboard talks, so bring your note-book and pencil and figure out the best rations for your conditions.

Tomato Plant Beds.

Meetings of tomato growers and canners were held last Monday and Tuesday at Betterton, Chestertown and Fairlee, to discuss the growing of tomato plants in central plant beds instead of each grower having his own plant bed.

County Agent H. B. Derrick spoke of the good results of the central tomatoe plant bed at Betterton last year and in other Counties where tried. Mr. Ballard, Tomato Specialist of the Extension Service and Mr. A. D. Radebaugh County Agent Cecil County, spoke on the methods used in the Central plant beds, the good results of last year, and showed steraptican slides of the different operations, some of which were of the bed at Betterton.

It was unanimously decided at Betterton to have another central plant bed at Mr. Harry Willis', provided a suitable contract for tomatoes was signed. Messrs. Arthur Brice, Harry Willis and Stokes were appointed the committee on Plant Bed.

Likewise, Chestertown voted to have a central plant bed on the farm of L. A. Sutton, to be operated by Stanley Sutton. A committee on Plant Bed was appointed as follows: L. A. Sutton, Thomas Bryan and D. W. Ingersoll.

Fairlee voted unanimously for a plant Bed, but did not decide where it should be located. A committee on Plant Bed was appointed to consist of W. P. Graves, George Hendrickson and Dane E. Rianhard.

County Agent Derrick agreed to supervise these beds and give as much time as practical to them. An average of over 2 tons per acre were grown from plants out of central beds in Maryland last year than other plants. Farmers must give their orders to one of the committees promptly in order to get plants from the beds.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss Maude E. Duyer has returned from Baltimore, where she has had her tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coleman and little son, of Chester, are the guests of Mr. John Schauber, of Chestertown.

Mrs. A. H. Covey and daughter are convalescent.

Mrs. Thos. D. Bowers was operated upon at The Woman's Hospital, Baltimore, on Thursday for sinus trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. Leager and children, of Ridgely, spent Tuesday the guests of the latters brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Allen.

Mr. Harry R. Graham has been confined to his home for ten days by sickness.

Mrs. Newton Brown, of Chester, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Newsome.

The Pope has a radio placed in the Vatican, and he, with the other listening world enjoys "listening in." He refutes reports that he has had an illness.

A party of Army Airman started on their tour of the world in their plans from the Coast of Calif., on March. 15. This expedition is for exploration and with no idea of reducing the speed limit.

Dr. L. Hospitalier, of Membrolle near Tours, France, has discovered to extract some of a drunkard's blood and then reinject it will take away all desire for alcohol.

Mr. Lewis Barroll spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barroll.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brice, of Peacock, N. J., were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Harris.

Dr. Knight, of Morristown, N. J., spent the week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard entertained the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club with an oyster scald on Saturday evening last.

Miss Cabel of Richmond, Va., was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hope Barroll.

Mrs. Rodney Wilson and daughter, Miss Mary Rogers Hynson, of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Slay on Saturday.

Mr. Richard Collins, Jr., is visiting friends in Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. A. B. Harris, of Rockford, Ill., was the week-end guest of his parents

Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks who has been in Philadelphia for several weeks has returned.

Mrs. Muriel Hilderbrandt and little son John Brooks, of Warren, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Hilderbrandt's parents on Washington Ave.

Miss Sarah Brown, of Baltimore, was the week end guest of Mrs. Newsome.

Mrs. Stella Vickers, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Dumont Lambert.

Misses Marion Stephenson and Edith Redmile, of Philadelphia, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barbar Bartley.

Mrs. Walter T. Bramble has been confined to her home by sickness the past week.

Mr. Argus Robinson, of Elkton, was home for the week-end.

Drs. Houston Toulson and Franklin Lynn, surgeons of Baltimore, were Monday guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Toulson.

Mr. Miller and family, of Wilmington, have moved to one of the Bramble houses on High street.

Mrs. Wm. H. McKee and daughter, Mrs. Caroline Ellett, spent the past week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Seigenfuse, at Dumont, N. J.

Dr. T. Howard Fowler, of Wells College, is spending a few days at his home here.

Mr. Nick L. Denny, of Baltimore, was in town on business one day last week.

Rev. Edward Copper, of Evanston, Ill., was called to Chestertown on Tuesday by the illness of his mother Mrs. S. A. Anderson whose condition at this time is critical.

Mrs. Agnes Latham, visited her husband, Mr. George Latham at Easton hospital on Tuesday and reports his condition as improved. Mr. Latham is expected to be able to return home on Sunday.

Mrs. George Bacon is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Lindsay at Media.

Mrs. George W. Carter, Sr., was quite sick at her home on High St., last week but is improved at this time. Mrs. Carter has not been well all winter.

ROCK HALL

Mrs. Katheleen Archibald was a visitor to Baltimore.

Mr. Raymond Hersch was a recent visitor to his home from employment in Baltimore.

Mrs. William Boyer and Mrs. O. Stevens have word of the death Saturday of George W. Dunlap at his home in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Lizzie Kendall is visiting her sister, Mrs. Seaford Leager, at Millington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder will go to Chambersburg tomorrow where they will be guests for a few days of the former's mother.

Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, of Baltimore, is visiting her grand-daughter, Mrs. Howard Happersett.

Mrs. Charles Thomas has been quite sick the past week with kidney trouble

Mrs. Elsie Benton has returned to her home in Piney Neck after a visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Stevens in the town.

Mrs. Notely O. Wilson has information that her uncle, Mr. Frank Willson, is improving from pneumonia at a Wilmington hospital.

Mrs. William B. Ashley has been very sick the past ten days. Her daughter from Washington is visiting her and her son, Mr. Calvin Walmsley from Wilmington, has been on a visit.

Miss Lillian Wheat has been quite sick for several weeks and continues quite weak.

Mrs. Mary E. Warner was delightfully surprised last Wednesday evening, her birthday anniversary, when her children came to spend the evening with her.

Mr. Elwood Taylor, student at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., is a ten-day guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Taylor.

Miss Delia Melvin, of Carmichael, is spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Helen Wagner Hague at her home near Rock Hall.

Miss Madge Crawford has returned after a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. Curtis Bowersock, at her home, Abell Avenue and University Parkway, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Downey, Sr., returned Monday from their winter home in Baltimore.

Mr. John W. Downey, of Baltimore, recently spent a few days here and with relatives with other parts of the county.

Mrs. Ella Middleton is spending some weeks in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hogans had as guests Sunday th latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beaver, of Worton.

Miss Frances Orr spent the weekend at home from State Normal School.

Mrs. Annie Davis has returned from a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dodson, of Worton.

Mr. Michael Kramer, of Baltimore, was over-night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Durding.

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STILL POND

Miss Lucille Parr is spending the week end in Baltimore.

Miss Gladys Bond, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Bonwill, Jr.

Mrs. L. B. Harper has returned home and reports her sister, Mrs. S. B. Parrott very much improved, and expects to leave the Hospital this week.

The Missionary Anniversary was held last Sunday evening and although handicapped by bad weather during the week the committee had a good program. The collection for the evening was $109.36.

The work of improving the Parsonage was started on Monday morning by volunteer work men and has continued during the week. Although most of the work has been donated much material has to be purchased, Miss Mabel Norris has been appointed Treasurer of the Improvement Committee and will receive any funds you might have to help this worthy cause.

The Entertainment given on Wednesday evening by Galena Talent in Hurlock's Hall was well attended. The play was fine all took their parts good and the audiance enjoyed a good laugh.

The Devotional Service of the Epworth League will be lead on Sunday evening by Miss Anna Bonwill.

—Estimated returns from the sixty-five Collection Districts in the United States of income tax payments for the first quarter ended last Saturday, show that the collections already received amounted to $377,848,841.62. These figures, Treasury officials say, will be swelled from $60,000,000 to $75,000,000 with the definite returns available by the end of the month.

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Cloaks, Suits and Dresses.

As winter passes it becomes time to consider the needs of Spring. We have been sorting and selecting a line of Cloaks, Suits and Dresses for the past thirty days, with the result that our store is carrying the biggest line in these numbers, ever attempted in Chestertown. Dresses are in all colors and designs, and the materials are mostly soft and silky. Cloaks and Suits appear as a silhouette, when worn by the Miss or Matron. The lines this Spring are those that drop discreetly from shoulder to ankle in perfect harmony with the figure.

New Spring Oxfords in Every Wanted Width

Every style of Oxford and in every width is in the selections we have ready for your selection. There's Oxfords in Tan and Brown and Grey and Black that we have bought and grouped as specials. The first lot sells for $5.00, the second for $6.50 and the third for $8.50. Each group consists of all the colors listed above, and in all widths. Nowhere could you find greater values than in these. And, too, we are making a special of hosiery, of pure silk at $1.00, $1.59, $2.00 and $2.50. Practically each price represents a one-third saving—INVESTIGATE

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