PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS

Passed at the 1924 Session of the Maryland State Legislature and applicable to Kent County.

CHAPTER 345

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add seven new sections to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Kent County," subtitle, "Dogs," said new sections to be known as Sections 91, 91-A, 91-B, 91-C, 91-D, 91-E and 91-F and to follow immediately after Section 90 of said Article, to provide for the licensing of dogs, the protection of sheep, poultry and live stock in Kent County.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That seven new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Dogs," said new sections to be known as Sections 91, 91-A, 91-B, 91-C, 91-D, 91-E and 91-F, to follow immediately after Section 90 of said Article, and to read as follows:

91. On or before the first day of July, 1924, and on or before the first day of July of each year thereafter, the owner of any dog, six months old or over, shall apply either orally or in writing to the Dog Constable of the District appointed by the County Commissioners, in which he or she resides, for a license for each such dog owned or kept, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar ($1.00) for each male dog or each sprayed female dog, and a fee of two dollars ($2.00) for each unspayed female dog. The said license or fee shall be the only license or tax required for the ownership or keeping of said dog or dogs. Such license shall be issued on a form prepared and suppleid by the County Commissioners. Such license shall be dated and numbered, and shall contain a description of the dog licenses. All licenses shall be void upon the first day of July of the following year. The County Commissioners shall also furnish and the Dog Constable for the said District issuing the license, shall issue, with each license, a metal tag. Such tag shall be affixed to a substantial collar. The collar shall be furnished by the owner, and with the tag attached shall at all times be kept on the dog for which the license is issued, except when confined in the kennel or when hunting in charge of an attendant. Each Dog Constable appointed by the County Commissioners shall enroll all dogs, and their owners or keepers, in their respective Districts, and report the same to the County Commissioners on or before July 15th of each year.

Whenever the Dog Constable shall find a dog without an owner or keeper, it shall be his duty to kill said dog in the presence of one witness, for which he is to receive fifty cents from the County Commissioners for each dog killed.

It shall be the duty of the Dog Constables to report to the County Commissioners at the end of each week the number of licenses sold, and to whom.

91-A. The County Commissioners of Kent County shall prepare, and furnish annually to the Dog Constables of each District, metal tags to be given to the owners of dogs when such owners shall pay the license fee for said dogs. Such tags shall be of metal and shall have serial number corresponding with the number on the license issued to said owner, as provided in the preceding section of this Act. Such tags shall also have impressed thereon the calendar year for which such tag is issued, and shall not be more than one inch in length, and shall be equipped with a substantial metal fastening device. The general shape of said tag shall be changed from year to year. If any such tag is lost it shall be replaced by the Dog Constable, upon application by the person to whom the original license was issued, upon production of such license and payment of a fee of twenty-five cents.

91-B. Any Dog Constable, after having received and receipted for necessary blanks and tags, may issue such dog licenses and tags. When a license is issued by the Dog Constable the said Dog Constable may retain as his fee for the issuance of said license, reporting the same, and remitting payment thereof, to the Clerk to the County Commissioners, the sum of twenty-five cents. Such report and remittance shall be made by the Dog Constable at the end of each month; whereupon the Clerk to the County Commissioners shall make a record of, and otherwise treat, said license as though it had been issued from his office, except that he shall also note upon his record the name of the Dog Constable issuing the license. Every Dog Constable shall deliver the book or books from which he had issued licenses, together with the stubs therein properly filled out and showing the name of each licensee, and the number of the license issued to him, to the Clerk to the County Commissioners, before the first day of July of each year.

Any person becoming the owner, after the first day of July of any year, of any dog six months old or over which has not already been licensed, or any person owning or keeping a dog which became six months old at any time after the first day of July of any year, shall forthwith apply for and secure a license for such dog in the same manner as the annual license is obtained under the provisions of this sub-title.

91-C. Any person may kill any dog which he sees in the act of pursuing, worrying, wounding or killing any poultry or livestock, or attacking human beings whether or not such dog bears the proper license tag required by these provisions. There shall be no liability on such persons in damages or otherwise for such killing. Any unlicensed dog that enters any field or yard shall constitute a private nuisance and the owner or tenant of such field or yard, or other agent or servant, may kill such dog while it is in the field or yard without liability or responsibility of any nature for such killing and any person may kill a female dog running at large while in heat without liability therefor.

91-D. All monies arising from the dog licenses or taxes shall be kept in a separate fund by the County Commissioners of Kent County, and shall be used for the payment of damages for the injury and killing of sheep, poultry or other live stock in said Kent County. In the event the same are not sufficient for the payment of all such damages the said damages shall be paid in the order the claims are presented, and any person or persons whose claims are not paid in any one year by reason of the lack of money to the credit of the said fund which is to be designated "The Dog License Fund," shall be paid out of the first money coming into the fund after his claim is reached, and shall be paid in the order in which said claims are proved and filed; and any claims now filed and passed upon, but remaining unpaid, shall have preference over any new claims in the order of payment. Any fund in excess of one thousand dollars ($1.000.00) remaining in the hands of the County Commissioners of Kent County, after the payment of the claims as aforesaid, unused for such purpose at the end of each fiscal year, shall be used by said County either for the public schools, or for the public roads, as the Board of County Commissioners of said County may direct.

91-E. When any inhabitant of Kent County shall have any sheep, poultry or livestock destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, he shall within six hours have the carcass or injured animal viewed by three disinterested persons, and they with the owner appear before the Board of County Commissioners and answer under oath such questions as pertain to the case; and the Commissioners shall award for damages such amount as they may deem fair; which award shall be paid out of the fund hereby created.

The damages awarded for turkeys shall not exceed $1.00 for turkeys one month old, $2.00 for turkeys three months old, $3.00 for turkeys five months old, $4.00 for turkeys seven months old, or over.

The damages awarded for lambs and sheep shall not exceed $1.00 for lambs or sheep one month old, $3.00 for lambs or sheep two months old, $5.00 for lambs or sheep three months old, $6.00 for lambs or sheep six months old or over.

And if the owner of the dog or dogs doing the damage be known, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to notify such owner or owners to kill said dog or dogs immediately. If such dog or dogs be killed by the owner, after notice as aforesaid, he shall be exempt from all further liability, but in case the said owner or owners should refuse or neglect to kill said dog or dogs upon notice as aforesaid, the said owner or owners shall be liable to the County Commissioners for said damages to the same extent as he would be liable in case of negligence or malicious destruction of property, and the said County Commissioners may in their discretion have the Dog Constable to kill said dog or dogs.

91-F. Any person violating or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of Kent County, or in the Circuit Court of Kent County, shall be fined a sum of not less than five dollars ($5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or shall be both fined and imprisioned in the discretion of the Court. It shall be the duty of the State's Attorney, the Sheriff and the Consables of Kent County to prosecute all persons found violating the law by refusing to comply with its provisions. All laws or parts of laws, whether public general laws or public local laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this sub-title are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take affect June 1, 1924.

Approved.

(The Great Seal of Maryland.)

ALBERT C. RITCHIE,
Governor.

DAVID G. McINTOSH, JR.,
President of the Senate.

FRANCIS P. CURTIS,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Filed April 10, 1924.

State of Maryland, Sct.

I, James A. Young, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland of which it purports to be a copy, as taken from the Original Law belonging to and deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affixed the seal of the said Court of Appeals, this 21st day of April, 1924.

(Seal.) JAMES A. YOUNG,
Clerk Court of Appeals of Maryland.

CHAPTER NO. 267

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Seection 56 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titled "Kent County," sub-titled "Chestertown," relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of Commissioner.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 56 of Article 15 of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, title Kent County," sub-title "Chestertown," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

56. If any Commissioner so elected shall die, refuse to act, resign or remove out of said town the remaining Commissioners shall appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office, who shall hold the same until the next annual election for Commissioners when a successor shall be elected, whose tenure of office shall be for the residue of the term so made vacant.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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Approved.

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Chestertown High School Play

The Chestertown High School put on their annual Senior Play on April 29th at the Lyceum. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity and when the time came for the actors to appear they looked out on a sea of interested, sympathetic, appreciative faces of their friends. Friends, who had faith in the ability of the young people to give them an evening of entertainment. And, it is always this kind of spirit on the part of the listeners that brings out the very best that is in the young people.

The play was a great success from start to finish. It would be a great satisfaction on the part of the writer to discuss the splendid features and the parts taken by each individual. They entered into it with the determination that it takes to do tanyhing well and they certainly did succeed.

Principal Creasey and the teachers who helped him, deserve much credit for the results of their efforts. The young people deserve much credit for the amount of stick-to-it-ive-ness which it must have required to reach this goal.

Fairlee

Last Friday evening the P. T. A. of Fairlee, gave a shad supper to the general public. Not only was the shad most delicious and plentiful but they had almost everything else, in the cooking curriculum in addition.

The girls sold home made candy and the P. T. A. members sold cake and ice cream after the supper was over. They cleared $85 which will be used for the Fairlee school.

Mrs. Watson, the president of the association reports a wonderful spirit of cooperation on the part of the teachers and all members of the association no matter what the undertaking.

Chestertown

Reported by Mrs. Parks Rasin.

The P. T. A. of Chestertown held a meeting in the Elementary School May 1st. Nineteen members were present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mrs. Ford read a letter from Mr. Robinson concerning appointment of new trustee, as Mr. Chas. Wheatley's term expires in May. It was moved and seconded that we ask for Mr. Wheatley's reappointment.

Committees for Rally Day made favorable report. We will sell sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and soft drinks and will charge five cents for everything.

Mrs. Frank Simpers, Mrs. Malin and Mrs. Parks Rasin were named as nominating committee as the next meeting will be on the time for electing of officers for next year.

The association plans to have a scurb woman for the school next year.

The County Health Nurse, Miss Lockwood was present and gave an interesting talk.

Our next meeting will be a Social affair and will be held in the evening.

Athletic Field Meet

The Athletic Field Meet for Kent Co., will occur Tuesday, May 13th. Judging by the interest manifested by the teachers and pupils in our visits in the schools, we feel sure it will be a big Rally Day.

5 ELEPHANT HERDS IN PLACE OF THREE

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Increase Entire Program in Like Proportion.

Traveling on a hundred railroad cars carrying more than 1600 people—including 800 of the greatest men and women stars ever assembled the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows will exhibit in Baltimore May 15 and 16.

The 1924 program of the Greatest Show on Earth introduces a policy of augmentation in every department. For the first time in history five troupes of performing elephants are presented in place of three. These number three companies of giant tuskers in the rings and two herds of baby elephants on steel-structured stages. Splendid troupes of trained Russian stallions have been added to the European equine displays, and menage and high-school horse numbers increased in like proportion.

Equestrianism is one of the outstanding features. May Wirth, the greatest of all bareback riders; the entire Wirth family, the hurricane comedy rider, "Phil, the marvel," the Rieffenach Sisters, performing sensational acrobatic feats on running horses, but suggest the calibre of the more than seventy equestrians presented. No less amazing are the score of modern physical culture champions who perform aloft in the mammoth big-top. Berta Beason, premier high-wire artist, leads an entire congress of mid-aerial gymnasts, heads a world-famous galaxy of fair women athletes. Lillian Kincaid is foremost among beautiful girls who perform in "revolving cloud swings" at the very dome of the tent. Jenny Roomey leads a score of artists on the single and double trapeze.

Further pursuing their policy of bigness in displays throughout the entire length of the main-tent, the Ringling Brothers have united the famous English Clarkonians with the American Nelsons in super-casting acts. This augmented company of artisis are pitted against the Silbon, Slegrist and Neapolitan troupes in the most remarkable aerial casting acts ever seen in a circus big-top.

In contrast with the human side of the Big Show are two hundred trained wild animals numbering lions, tigers, coal-black panthers and giant polar bears, exhibited in four big steel arenas. In addition are the "hundred funniest clowns on earth," scores of stage and hippodrome displays, a gorgeous opening pageant of fairy-land features, and a menagerie of more than a thousand rare animals.

REGULATIONS REGARDING ROCK

Deputy Game Wardens have been instructed by Game Warden E. Lee Lecompte about the regulations governing the catching of rock fish. There has been some contention about the weight of fish permitted to be caught. He writes:

"Act of 1904 appears to be the only law relating to rock in the waters of Caroline county. The act of 1904 applies and also the general law insofar as it is in harmony with the act of 1904, to the extent they are not, the General Law alone applies.

"The general law to which I refer is the Act of 1910, Chapter 255, Section 79, which provides no rock weighing over 20 pounds can be caught in April, May and June, where the local law of the Acts of 1904, Chapter 410, provides for 12 pounds, therefore, the Acts of 1910, Chapter 255 prevails and the maximum size for rock fish to be taken in April, May and June in all waters, is 20 pounds."

CENTURY THEATRE BALTO.

Herbert Brenon's latest Paramount production, "The Breaking Point," is another splendid action romance by the man who made "The Spanish Dancer." "The Breaking Point" will be shown at the Century Theatre during the week beginning Monady, May 12.

Nita Naldi, Patsy Ruth Miller, George Fawcett and Matt Moore are featured in the picture. It's an entertaining combination of society love drama and murder mystery, with a dash of the scientific angle that made "Black Oxen" so successful.

"The Breaking Point," was extremely popular as both a book and play by Mary Roberts Rinehart. There never was a better piece of screen material written, and Julie Herne and Edfrid Bingham have done wonders with the adaption.

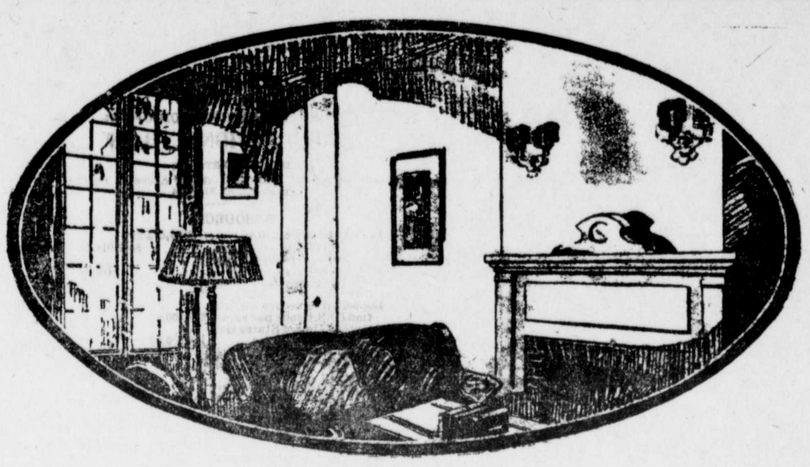
As a big special added musical number the original Brown Saxaphone Six will render a program of jazz and popular musical hits of the day. This aggregation of talented musicians have appeared in practically every city of importance in the United States and Canada and have received lavish praise from the critics for their music.

Another program of entertaining acts has been booked for the Century Roof where theatrical celebrities gather nightly to be amused. It is open nightly from 9 o'clock to bedtime. Dancing is enjoyed between the acts by those in the audience. Music for the acts and for dancing is furnished by Robbins' Century Roof Orchestra, under the direction of Samuel Robbins. Refreshments are served at reasonable rates. The service is a la carte.

SMALLPOX SPREADING IN CECIL

Five cases of smallpox, developing from that of a colored quarry hand, which was discovered on April 17, were reported to the Public Health Department from the vicinity of Port Deposit, on Tuesday. Two cases had also been discovered in Havre de Grace, it was stated. The Port Deposit cases included a woman, two infants, one three and the other two and one-half weeks old, and two men whom local physicians are treating Dr. J. P. Franklin, a Deputy State Health Officer is in charge of the situation. Supplies of vaccine points have been sent to the town and also to Havre-de Grace.

—Mr. James E. Allen has resigned as janitor at the elementary school for the summer months and will assist Gill Bros. at their ice cream factory.



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