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DROWNS AT BOOKERS WHARF

Attempting to carry out his boast that he could easily swim though weighted down by heavy hammers and other tools in a telephone lineman's working equipment, Joseph Piller, aged 45, of Baltimore, jumped off the wharf at Booker's Beach Tuesday afternoon at 1 o clock and was drowned.

FARM FOR SALE

Clement's farm containing 150 acers, on road from Blacks Station to Chesterville.

je27. HERBERT E. PERKINS.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Next Saturday, July 4, being a legal holiday the Third National Bank will be closed that day. All notes maturing on that day may be attended to the day following.

W. R. HUEY, Cashier.

JONES INFORMATION WANTED

Heirs or next of kin of a Mrs. Martha Ellen Jones, said to be the widow of Robert L. or Henry E. Jones and daughter of Robert M. Jones and Martha E. Jones, all of Kent County.

She lived in Cockeysville, 1878, later at Ruxton; died in Baltimore, February 3, 1922; aged about sixty-nine years, leaving a daughter, Rose, now deceased.

SARAH ELIZABETH STUART,
204 N. Queen Street,
je27-3t.* Chestertown, Md.

THREE FARMS AT PRIVATE SALE

One of 77 ACRES, one of 179 ACRES and one of 180 ACRES. May be purchased from the undersigned at terms to suit the Purchaser.

HARRISON W. VICKERS, Trustee.
a18-tf.

POLICE DOGS

Puppies for sale, now ready to go. The best of guardians. Phone 815F3.
jn13-tf. D. W. INGERSOLL, Jr.

HEAVY CREAM

A few orders wanted for fresh cream delivered to order. Phone 815F3.
jn13-tf. D. W. INGERSOLL.

BULL FOR SALE

A grand young Guernsey Bull out of Golden Glow of Evergreen 242740, sired by Chambs King of Silver Hill 135675. He will improve milk and butter fat production in any herd. Phone 815F3. Ready for service.
jn13-tf. D. W. INGERSOLL.

WANTED

A situation by a middle aged woman with a boy 14 years old. No objection to a farm. Good homes prefered to high wages.

MRS. NAOMI POWELL,
Church Hill, Md.

RABBIT PUPPIES FOR SALE

Nine special bred rabbit puppies, born first day of April. Price $5.00 a piece cash. Apply Transcript B. Phone No. 2.

PRESSER WANTED

CHESTERTOWN
TAILORING COMPANY
UNDER VOSHEL HOTEL,
CHESTERTOWN

FARMS FOR SALE

FARM NO. 1—Located on stone road two miles from Kennedyville and known as the HARPER FARM containing 166 ACRES including crops planted.

PRICE $6500, CASH $1.000. Balance easy terms, Government Plan.

FARM NO. 2—Located on State Road one-quarter mile east of Fairlee, known as the REES FARM, containing 288 ACRES. This is one of the best farms in Kent County.

PRICE $17,500, CASH $2500. Balance long term easy payments. Possession January 1st. This is a real bargain. If interested write—

B. H. ENGLE
Munsey Building,
jn6-4t. Baltimore, Maryland

FOR RENT

COTTAGE AND GRANARY
AT NEWNAM'S WHARF

Beautifully located on Chester River Ideal for summer home. The granary is fully screened and is ideal for camping parties. Apply to

MRS. JOHN H. NEWNAM,
Queen Street, Chestertown, Md.

NOTICE

During the months of July and August the Register of Wills, the County Treasurers and the County Commissioners' offices will close on SATURDAYS AT 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.
jn6-4t.

CHANGE IN TOLCHESTER SCHEDULE

A change in the schedule of the Tolchester Ferry is announced this week by the Tolchester Company effective July 1st. The change affects the boat leaving Tolchester at 8 p. m. every day, the time for this boat has been changed to 7.30 p. m.

STATE TO CHECK TRAFFIC

CHECK TO BE USED IN BAY BRIDGE DATA

The committee recently appointed by Governor Ritchie to work with the State Road Commission to study the advisability of building a bridge across Chesapeake Bay and the best location for same, started a traffic check on Thursday of this week. The check will cover all traffic inlets to the Eastern Shore and fifty men are employed to cover the various routes.

The State of Delaware will cooperate in the check up and traffic will be checked in Odessa and Middletown. Checking points in Maryland will be Cecilton and the ferry terminuses at Tolchester, Matepeake and Claiborne. At the ferry piers each motorist will be asked where he is from and what destination. At the other points traffic will be slowed down so that the license numbers can be taken. The check will taken 24 hours a day for 5 days and for a longer period of time at the more important points. The checkers will work in 8 hour shifts and will get all the information possible without interfering too much with traffic.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY LEAGUE

ROCK HALL HOLDS 1ST PLACE

CHURCH HILLL IN CLOSE SECOND

With only two more games left in the first half of the Chesapeake Bay League season, which closes July 4th, Rock Hall is still leading by a margin of one game over Church Hill, the nearest rival. Galena is in third place trailing Rock Hall by two games. The other three clubs are out of the running.

The Chesapeake Bay League has created more baseball spirit in this section than anyone thing since Chestertown was entered in the Shore League. The result of the next two games will be interesting.

SCORES OF LAST SATURDAY

Rock Hall 10; Millington 4
Galena 15; Cecilton 4
Church Hill 14; Kennedyville 5

WHERE THEY PLAY SATURDAY

Rock Hall at Cecilton
Millington at Church Hill
Galena at Kennedyville

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

	W	L	P. C.
Rock Hall	7	1	.875
Church Hill	6	2	.750
Galena	5	3	.625
Millington	3	5	.375
Kennedyville	2	6	.250
Cecilton	1	7	.125

(Box scores on page 6)

TOOK SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

TEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE HERE

Ten High School graduates, representing all the High Schools in the county, competed in an examination for a scholarship to Washington College on Thursday of this week.

The scholarship includes board, tuition and books and is for a period of four years.

Those who took the examination are:

Chestertown High School—Gilbert Ingersol, Ivon E. Culver, W. Frank Jarrell, Jr., Walter H. Rees and William P. Nicholson.

Milington High School—Frank K. Barnhart.

Galena High School—Elmer W. Boyles and Robert Sutton.

Rock Hall High School—Edwin K. McCrea and Stephen P. McCrea.

The examination is being conducted by the Orphans Court for Kent county.

A LARGE CATCH OF FISH

The Batchelor Brothers, of Chestertown, caught a number of tons of Hardhead fish in their sein Thursday night at Northwest Point, in Chester River. Their catch is estimated from five to ten tons. They were brought to Chestertown in several boats and shipped from here by trucks to city markets and hucked throughout this section. This is the largest haul of fish ever reported from Chester River.

NOW AND THEN

JUST THIS HOUR

BY ALICE MATHEWS

Just this hour—use it—use it!
If you don't, you're bound to lose it.
Sixty minutes—in one hour,
Think of what a wealth of power
You are squandering by abuse
Or by some old lame excuse.
Just this hour—who knows—who knows
What one hour used right bestows;
Who can really tell what's in it—
If he wastes a single minute?
Seconds, minutes, hours, days rise
By ambition, to great size.
Just this hour, —hold it—hold it!
Watch for wondrous power—unfold it!
Train intelligent your brain,
This appeal should ne'er be vain!
Make the commonplace ideal—
See what grit may rich reveal!

Some one has suggested that the old house, now owned by Mr. Catlin be bought and kept for a museum. It would be a fine thing, because Chestertown is full of old traditions and memories and we have been so careless of them. The old house in which Charles Peale, the great painter, lived is a thing of the past. The wainscotting at Beechenvale on which he painted the story of Ruth and Boaz was torn away and used for kindling. The book "Old Kent" which appeared week by week in the Transcript and afterward was published in a handsome book, which no one seemed to care for at the time, but is now selling for twenty five and thirty dollars a volume, has been allowed to be torn up or thrown away. And the priceless old portraits which have no room in our houses now. Washington College is doing what it can to collect old historical things but it has not room for a great collection.

Speaking of old things Dr. Wm. Howell has done a real service to Kent in his book. "The Government of Kent County." It is both informing and interesting. That Kent County was the second county of Maryland, (St. Mary's county being the first) is a fact that few of us know, and it is interesting to read of the evolution of the laws how one was built on the other.

It is a worth while book to read, and shows that the Dr. had to dig deep into old archives to get his information.

Those who know how the French like their coffee will best appreciate this story of the Playwright Feydeau, who, in a country inn, took the precaution of asking, before he ordered his coffee, if there was any chicory in the house. The servant replied in the affirmative, and he then asked her to bring all the packets of chicory to him. She ranged 30 packets on the table.

"That is all you have?"

"Yes, sir."

"Good: now go and prepare me a cup of coffee.

A newspaper man was awarded the Legion of Honor and this was, of course, an excellent excuse for a banquet (reminiscences Sisley Huddlestone). A lobster was placed on the table and one of the newspapermen observed that a claw was missing. He solemnly called attention to this fact and the waiter as solemnly explained that lobsters were pugnacious creatures and sometimes in their battles lost a claw.

"I know, I know," replied the scribe, "but that is no reason for serving us vanquished lobsters—take it away and bring the victor."

Did it ever strike you, Hunter,
How delightful life would be
If the ordinary Blighter,
As, for instance, you or me,
Could awake some sunny morning
And discover he was rich,
In company with Henry Ford,
Mr. J. D. R., and sich?
I admit it sounds attractive,
But pause and think awhile,
There's very little John can eat,
And Henry doesn't smile;
So life has its compensations,
As I think you will agree:
For the ordinary Blighter—
As, for instance, you or me.

—H. A.

BETTERTON CASINO OPENS

Mr. Howard Turner has just installed the latest equipment of Sound in his Moving Picture Theatre at Betterton and has contracted for newly-released Features and Comedies with First National, Warner Bros., Universal, and other well known Companies. The equipment is Sound on Film. Popular summer prices will be charged, Adults 35 cents and children 15c.

The opening night will be Saturday of this week and pictures will be shown every night next week. The programmes will be equal to the best being shown on the shore.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Golts, Md.

The examination will be held at Middletown, Del.

Receipt of applications will close on July 10, 1931.

The salary of a rural carrier on a standard route of 24 miles served daily except Sunday is -1,800 per annum, with an additional -30 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 24 miles. Certain allowances are also made for the maintenance of equipment. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the post office where the vacancy exists, who have been actually domiciled there for six months next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Leffenwell and two daughters, of Scarbora, N. Y., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Urie.

Miss Nelie Walker, who has been sojourning in town, sailed yesterday on the Belgenland, of the Red Star line from New York. She will visit Paris, Spain, Italy and Switzerland during her six weeks stay in Europe.

Mr. Blackiston Wroth, of Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga., is visiting his mother and sister in town this summer.

Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Keene Barroll this week.

Mrs. Thomas W. Perkins was operated up this week at the Church Home Baltimore for appendicitis.

Mrs. J. G. Maxwell who has been quite sick on account of the excessive heat of last week end is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Sr., of Baltimore, is visiting friends in the town and county.

Miss Edith Harley was operated on last Wednesday for appendicitis at the Maryland General Hospital.

Dr. Livingood, of Washington College will teach again at Seton Hill College, Pa. Mrs. Livingood and children will spend the summer at Myerstown, Pa.

Mrs. Grace Aldridge visited friends in Philadelphia this week.

Little Freda Dorf entertained the seventh grade pupils of the Chestertown Elementary School at a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dorf on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McGee and children and Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, of Baltimore, were week end guests of Mrs. J. D. Maxwell at Worton Manor.

Miss Nancy Jean Usilton will leave Monday for Camp Red Wing, Pa., where she will be counselor for the 8 weeks Camp.

Master John Morris, of McDonough School is spending a two weeks vacation with relatives in the county.

Miss May Ireland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lulie Comegys in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Ida Jackson, of Wilmington, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, of Lansdown, Pa., have opened their summer home on Lankford Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Dumont Lambert, of Washington, D. C., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis.

Little Albert and Jean Brotemarkle, of Cambridge, are guests of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Kendall.

Miss Helen Tyler, is the guest of friends in the county.

Miss Rebecca Kendall, of Baltimore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kendall, of Chestertown, sailed from New York this week for Panama where she has accepted a position as nurse in the Government hospital there.

Colonel H. S. Brown, of New York, spent the past week end in Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Groves, and Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter were week end guests of Mrs. Phoebe Creasy at Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mr. Vannort Chapman and sister, Miss Claire Chapman were guests this week of their grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Vannort on High street.

Mr. James Hepbron, of Baltimore, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Turner on Front street. He sailed this week for Europe where he will study crime detection in Central Europe.

Professor Louis Thibodeau, of Waterbury, Conn., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bates Russell.

Miss Betty Lewis is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dumont Lambert in Washington, D. C.

—Mr. Harvey Blyman picked from his garden a ripe tomato Friday of this week.

PROTESTS POSTOFFICE RULING

SAYS RULING WILL ENDANGER LIVES OF PATRONS

An article published in the Transcript last week pointing out the postoffice ruling that all rural mail boxes must be placed on the right hand side of the road as traveled by the mail carrier has brought a protest from Mr. W. I. Walker.

Mr. Walker has filed a protest to the ruling with Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough in order to have the ruling changed on the plea that such a ruling would render a hardship on the patrons of rural routes. Mr. Walker's protest is based on the following points:

1st—Most of the mail collected by the patrons of rural routes is collected by women and children and that their lives are endangered by having to cross the highways twice in order to collect this mail, one girl having been killed in Kent county by crossing the road while collecting mail.

2nd—The rural carries are responsible men and more capable of protecting themselves while walking across the highways than the mail collector.

3rd—By placing the mail boxes on the opposite side of the road it will be necessary to place them on some one else's property.

The postoffice ruling states that all mail boxes must be on the right side of the road as traveled by the carrier where practicable and so placed that the rural mail carrier may place the mail in the boxes without leaving his vehicle. The state highway laws prohibits him from driving his vehicle to the left hand side of the road.

Mr. Walker has made this protest in the interest of patrons of rural routes and his interest in rural free delivery may be traced back to the establishing of this mail service.

The history of the rural free delivery can be traced back to March 3rd, 1893, when Congress appropriated $10,000 for experimental purposes for rural delivery. July 16, 1894, a further sum of $20,000 was appropriated and June 9, 1899, with an additional sum of $10,000, making a total of $30,000, Post Master General Wilson inaugurated from Charlestown, Uvilla and Halltown, West Virginia, the first rural delivery in the United States, and on May 1, 1900, the rural route to Rich Neck, in Queen Anne's county was established from the Millington Post office. This was, if not the first, among the first routes established in Maryland. It was a relay route, the relay taking place at Sawmill Crossing. Mr. Norman A. Wallen was the first carrier on this route at a salary of $250 a year. Mr. Wallen is still carrying mail out of Millington Postoffice.

Mr. Walker took the lead in establishing this rural route and a number of meetings were held at his home. The objections of the star route carriers and proprietors of country stores who maintained postoffices had to be overcome, but just seven years after Congress appropriated the $10,000 for rural mail experimental work and four years after the first routes were established in West Virginia, Rich Neck had a rural mail service.

4-H GIRLS TO MEET AT GALENA

FIVE HOUR PROGRAM ARRANGED

A county-wide meeting of 4-H Club Girls will be held at Galena elementary school next Wednesday, July 1st, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. This meeting will include all 4-H club girls in the county and their mothers. Girls who are not club members are also invited to attend this meeting.

The program includes a demonstration contest with seven teams competing and also a style show. Volley-ball games will be played in the morning. Sarah Morris, who has just returned from the National 4-H Girls Club Camp at Washington, D. C., will make a report. Miss Helen Schellinger, Home Demonstration Agent, will have charge of the days program. All girls are asked to bring their lunch.

Flatland Women's Club To Meet

The Flatland Woman's Club will meet at the home of Miss Olive Cornell on Thursday, July 2nd. The program will consist of reports on the Rural Women's Short Course and demonstrations of cold deserts.

NOLAND'S GREATEST SALE CONTINUES

Noland's Greatest Sale, including the entire stock of goods in this large store, will continue all next week. A visit to this store and an examination of good and prices will be well worth while.

Mr. Roland Corey spent part of this week in New York on business.

39 FEDERAL PRISONERS HERE

Sheriff John T. Vickers brought 19 more Federal prisoners to the Kent County jail this week bringing the total number of Federal prisoners confined here to 39.

These men are all confined for violation of Federal prohibition law and their terms range from 60 to 180 days.

TOWN REGISTRATION MONDAY

VOTERS MUST REGISTER TO GET VOTE

A general registration of the voters in Chestertown municipal elections will be held Monday, June 29th and Monday, July 6th, as provided in the new charter of Chestertown.

All residents who have been residents for one year and are assessed for $200 worth of property, and have paid their taxes, are entitled to vote provided they are registered.

The registrars, Messrs. J. C. Davis, and Olin Stafford will sit in the office of the Regiter of Wills, Court House, and residents are advised to register next Monday so in case there is a question as to their right to vote the adjustment can be made July 6th.

CHESTERTOWN BOWS TO HYATTSVILLE

SHORE CHAMPIONS NO MATCH FOR WESTERN SHOREMEN

Charles Peffer, south paw pitcher for Hyattsville held the base ball team of the Chestertown High School spellbound for nine innings last Saturday to win the State championship.

Peffer allowed the locals only one hit and no runs while his team-mates accounted for 14 hits and 11 runs. Only 28 batters faced Peffer which is a record for any pitcher.

The lineup and summary follows:

Hyattsville	Ab	R	H	O	A
Glassgow, c	4	0	1	12	1
Byrd, 2b	4	1	2	1	0
Anderson, cf	5	1	1	1	0
Peffer, p	3	0	0	0	0
Headley, rf	5	3	3	0	0
Sheriff, 1b	5	2	3	5	0
Miller, cf	4	2	1	0	0
Heyser, ss	4	1	2	1	0
Green, 3b	5	1	1	5	2
Moxley, ss	1	0	0	1	0
McClay, lf	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	41	11	14	27	3

Chestertown	Ab	R	H	O	A
Johns, 2b	4	0	0	2	1
Reinhart, ss	3	0	0	2	1
Johnston, 3b	3	0	1	2	2
Harris, lf	3	0	0	4	0
Nicholson, cf	3	0	0	4	0
Massey, 1b	3	0	0	7	0
Coleman, p	1	0	0	0	0
Skirven, rf	3	0	0	3	0
Wallis, c	2	0	0	3	1
Briscoe, p	2	0	0	0	0
Falls, 2b	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	28	0	1	27	6

Hyattsville 0 2 0 4 1 3 0 0 1—11
Chestertown 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0— 0

Errors—Johns, Reinhart, Skirven, Wallis. Two base hit—Headly. Three-base hit—Byrd. Double play—Reinhart to Johns to Massey. Wild pitches—Coleman, Peffer. Struck out—by Peffer 10; by Coleman 5. Stolen bases—Glassgow 2, Anderson 2, Peffer. Headley, Sheriff, Johns. Left on bases—Chestertown 1; Hyattsville 7. Umpires—Hinds and List, of Baltimore. Time—1:45.

SACRED CONCERT TOMORROW

Mario Cappelli, Italian-American tenor, of New York, will render a sacred concert at the Chestertown M. E. Church tomorrow, Sunday evening, starting at 7.30 p. m.

The program will be entirely musical and those who heard him on his recent visit to Chestertown, are looking forward to the concert Sunday evening.

He will sing selections from operatic arias, and from the works of master composers, such as Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, Giordiani Bononcini, Verdi, Bizet and Puccini. He will also sing some Negro Spirituals, among which will be his unique interpretation of "Goin' Home" from the New World Symphony, by Anton Dvorak. It will be a moment long to be remembered just to hear him sing this selection. Cappelli's interpretation of the gospel hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," is artistic as well as spiritually uplifting.

BAR GROUP IN SESSION

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association is in progress at Atlantic City this week. The meeting on Thursday was opened by a welcome address by Mr. James W. Chapman, president of the association.

Judge and Mrs. Lewin W. Wickes, of Chestertown, are attending the session.

The Curbstone Diplomat

By William S. Collins

On July 20th the residents of Chestertown will go to the polls at the Court House and elect a Mayor and four councilman who will direct the affairs of Chestertown until the NEXT ELECTION.

The town has been divided into four wards. The first ward or Cess Pool ward includes Water street and the lower half of Queen Street. The second ward or Metropolitan Area extends up to the middle of Mill street. The third ward or Gas House district extends to the uptown limits. The fourth ward includes the leasehold Washington College property.

The main duty of the Cess Pool councilman, will be to convince the others, that it is time to remedy the sewerage conditions of the town. He will have to meet suchan argument as: the sewerage has been dumped in the river for years and has not done any harm, so why talk about changing it now. This last mentioned seems to be the answer that is handed out every time the subject is discussed.

Chester River in front of Chestertown grows worse every year. The river bottom is coated with sewerage, which is shown when you pull up a boat rope that has been dragged on the bottom.

The law forbids oyster to be caught above the red buoy opposite Quaker Neck wharf. I can remember three times they have moved this boundary farther down the river. The reason for this is because of the pollution of the water caused by Chestertown, which grows steadily worse each year.

If conditions continue to grow worse as they are doing now, it only remains for the Chester River oystermen to go out of business.

Chestertown advertises the fact, that it is located on the beautiful Chester River, and Washington College advertises that the river can be seen from the College. In reality it is the town's Cess Pool.

In a health report given out, Herring Run in Baltimore and Chester River in Chestertown were considered very unsanitary, and a more sanitary way of disposing of sewerage was recommended. The citizens living near the Herring Run section got busy and had their trouble remedied. What have the people of Chestertown done?

Parents complained about the sewerage conditions at the Chestertown High School. This is an argument being used in the movement to have the high school building remodeled. Yet these parents allow their children to go down and swim in the Cess Pool. The State Department of Health last year published a warning, in the papers of Chestertown, about swimming in Chester River. The statement made by the health officials was, that the river as far as the Country Club was filled with raw sewerape and was unsafe for swimming.

Congratulations to the people of High street extended. You certainly made a good move when you brought pressure to bear and had the unsanitary condition in your section remedied.

The following is a letter received from Billy Usilton, who writes a column in the Kent News entitled "The Man on The Outside Looking In."

"This is the first letter that you have had the pleasure (?) to receive from me and it is a request for a hand out.

What I would like to know is: would it be possible to include my name on the mailing list for the Transcript? Now that it is rumored I'm writing a column for the Kent News I want to have all the local sheets on hand so that I can keep abreast of the local news.

As you have probably noticed, or heard, my column in no way brightens or improves the Kent News but it is more in the way of demonstrating just how bad things can be if placed in the hands of irresponsible people. Reading it, one gazes upon the rest of the paper with such relief that it stands out in literary and grammatical magnificence.

Nevertheless, I would certainly appreciate it if you would send me the Transcript.

W[illegible] Billy you are certainly modest, wh[illegible] is something people as a rule, I think, admire. If you don't blow your own horn I will blow it for you. I think you do very well you certainly stole the march on me. When we met in New York some weeks ago, I told you of my intentions to write a column for the Transcript. Imagine my surprise in two weeks time to see you had beaten me to it.

Billy is my richest friend and David McMenamin, who is a school teacher is my second richest, but he does not teach school in Maryland which probably accounts for his riches.

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