# THE BAY BRIDGE

Judging from the following editorial, which appeared in last weeks issue of the Aegis, a newspaper published at Belair, the people in that section don't think much of the prospect of building a Chesapeake Bay Bridge:

"Again the Bay Bridge project looms up and is worthy of attention. Primarily this as a pet scheme of Baltiomre and would mean little to the rest of the State. We are not prophets by any means but in this case venture the opinion thati n the end the State would pay the bill—with liberal interest—whether the bridge were a complete failure or glorious success.

In the first place the State will be asked to build the necessary land approaches which will entail large expense. There is little probability that the traffic for years to come would pay interest on the investment for two reasons. The first of these is that the natural flow of Eastern Shore traffic is north where fine roads lead to fine markets with millions of customers right at hand—begin at Wilmington Del., and have all but a continuous dense population to New York. Already strings of trucks from the South pass through the length of Baltimore daily and continue to these northern markets. Certainly if there were favorable outlets in Baltimore for this produce it would not be carried two hundred miles further to New York. What inducement then for the Eastern Shoremen to bring their produce to Baltimore? Secondly the Bay Bridge would be on no through highway as was the Havre de Grace bridge or Conowingo; to a large extent it would be merely a link in a local road leading to the Eastern Shore and no where else. It seems hardly probable that this local, or semi-local traffic could sustain such a load of expense as the bridge.

Should the promoters of the bridge find their venture unsuccessful you may rest assured that a continuous and concentrated effort would be made to unload the white elephant on the State and things be so manipulated that the citiens of Maryland would not only absorb the loss but have on their hands a frozen asset to be a perpetual drain on their pocketbooks. On the other hand a bridge that made money would eventually become a political football just as did the Havre de Grace bridge, and in the end the State would pay.

The present ferries give reasonably fast and satisfactory service to the Eastern Shore, touching it at several points instead of one, as would the bridge. Why then cripple them? The bridge project is presumably a private enterprise but indirectly the State is gravely concerned and it is the duty of its officers and representatives to see that her interests are safe-guarded. If Baltimore city interests will devote a little more effort to cultivating friendly relations with nearby territory on the Western Shore instead of constantly agitating a prejudice of city against county—as do some of her supposed spokesmen—all of us will be better off."

# 5 FOREST FIRES IN KENT IN 1932

### COUNTY FOREST WARDENS SET GOOD CONTROL RECORD

Only five forest fires were reported in Kent County during the past year according to the annual report of District Forester Kenneth J. Seigworth, Salisbury. The fires burned only 48 acres and the damage was $178.

The seven forest wardens of the county were strongly commended for the excellent control record established. The average fire burned only ten acres. It was said that size of the average fire is the usual index of fire fighting efficiency. The average for the nine Eastern Shore Counties was sixteen acres.

Fewer fivers occurred in Kent than in any other Eastern Shore County according to the report. The next lowest was Queen Anne with seven and the highest was Wicomico with 45.

Causes of the Kent blazes were given as: Smoking 3, Brushburning 2.

Total cost of fighting the fires was $31.95. This amount is borne equally by the state and county. The cost of fire fighting was also lower in Kent than in the other counties.

The fire control objective of the Forestry Department is reduction of the annual burned acreage to one-tenth of one percent of the total. The total wooded area of the county is 34,000 acres. This goal was achieved in Kent County last year. It was pointed out that standing timber is considered a fair insurance risk when such a record can be maintained over a five year period.

The average of the 221 fires reported in 1932 in the Eastern Shore District was 16 acres. This was said to have been the best record ever established. The 221 fires burned 3492 acres doing a damage of $12,298. Total cost of suppression was $2391.39. This cost was approximately $400 less than in 1931.

The Forestry Department announced that greater effort would be directed towards preventing fires in 1933.

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## SCHOOL DAYS — By DWIG




# SCHOOL NOTES

### CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
**Janet MacVean**

"The Importance of Being Earnest" was a great success. The Dramatic Club and Miss Bryan were done complete justice by the excellence of the acting. Prizes were given to Billy Miller for the best poster made in C. H. S., to Fredrica Metcalfe for the best poster made in the Elementary School, to Phyllis Greenwood for selling the greatest number of tickets, and to George Rasin for selling the next greatest number. Virginia Barnes had the lucky ticket. To these, and to the cast and helpers congratulations are heartily given. Pictures of the cast in costume were taken Tuesday.

There will be a teacher's meeting here on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Beacom College is giving a dance at the DuPont Hotel in Wilmington on Friday night. All the Seniors have received complementary tickets. Next week you'll be told all about this great event.

The students who went to see Walter Hampden play "Hamlet" report that he really was as wonderful as he was supposed to be. In spite of several having to run seven blocks in the rain to reach their cars after the show, no one would have missed it for the world.

Friday will see another literary meeting in C. H. S.

Those who fear that the old-fashioned spelling bee has gone out of date will be delighted to hear that the Senior English Classes are having this type of contest.

The 11th grade will start the study of trigonometry this week.

Wonder of wonders, the science room has at last been locked at noon! And still more wonderful is the fact that the shelves, which have always been such a conglomerate mess of text-books, tennisshoes, etc., are to be enclosed so that they will make individual lockable cabinets for books. A curious person upon asking what is meant by the sign over a large jar in the science room, will be told that the sign means what it says. The jar contains a "chemical garden." The chemicals which have grown in varicolored stalagmites from the bottom do resemble a flower or vegetable patch. In an odd assortment of jars is gathered the beginning of a great collection of preserved forms of animal life. There are a squid, a flying fish, some grasshoppers, a salamander, a fish tick, and various kinds of worms among this group. The mounted remains of the rats, by the way, have attracted much attention.

The Seniors and Sophomores are preparing to form a Home Economics Club. Further details will appear next week. Monday will start off a grand new experience for the Freshmen. They are actually going to cook in the school kitchen. The Sophomores are planning to complete their course in cookery with a bang, but just what they bang is to be they haven't decided. Seniors are now discussing home life of colonial and frontier days. Perhaps a colonist's wife had a kitchen floor so slippery from rain that it was dangerous. If so, our student who cooked in the kitchen on Thursday gained a good idea of what pioneer life was like.

The last meeting of the History Clubs for the first semester were held on Thursday and Friday. The 10A program following the business meeting was:

A talk on the Emancipation Proclamation—Alvin Coleman.

Reading and Pictures on Joan of Arc—Vera Newnam.

Life of Calvin Coolidge—Audrey Long.

History of the Telephone—Baynard Harper.

Benjamin Franklin, "The First Civilized American"—Rumsey Anthony.

Alexander Hamilton—Laura Jane Magee.

Robert E. Lee—Charles Hague.

History of Artificial Lighting—Charles Hoelle.

William McKinley—Mildred Willis.

Report on new History Club Book—Edward Hepbron.

Costume of Past Centuries, Pictures—Janet MacVean.

Thanks and Farewell by President.

The 10B meeting consisted of Business Meeting in charge of president.

The girl's basketball team will play at Cecilton on Wednesday. This will be our first game this year and our only trouble is in selecting the six best players from such an unusually good turnout. This sounds like victory. Here's hoping.

STEPHEN R. COLLINS, Attorney.

## Ratification Nisi

In Re: Trust Estate of Henry Mamber and Stella Mamber, his wife

In the Circuit Court for Kent County In Equity, No. 2773

Ordered, this 26th day of January, 1933, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the Auditor's Account and Report, stated and reported by Herbert E. Perkins, Special Auditor, in the above entitled cause, be Ratified and Confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown within three weeks from the date of the first publication of said notice, viz: February 18th, 1933; Provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of two successive weeks before the 6th day of February next.

True Copy,
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# KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Alice Kennedy was leader of the Christian Endeavor on Sunday evening and had a very interesting meeting.

Service as usual in the M. P. Church on Sunday. Miss Sara Willis will lead the Christian Endeavor in the evening.

Miss Catherine Atwell is spending the week end with friends in Washington, D. C.

Miss Catherine Fogwell, of Galena, spent the week end with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Weer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garey entertained friends from Philadelphia over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony spent the week end with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. andMrs. Ralph Garey, Mrs. Mollie Archibald and daughter spent Sunday with relatives in Wilmington, Del.

The girls club met at the home of Florence Walls on Saturday afternoon.

The Play given here on Friday night by Locust Grove talent was very well attended and as usual very much enjoyed, a nice sum was realized.

Miss Emma Shafer acted as superintendent Sunday morning in the M. P. Sunday School as Mr. Robert Young was housed with a very bad cold.

Mrs. May Spry returned home from Church Hill last week.

Mrs. Henry Rutter and Mrs. Hill spent the week end with Mrs. Hattie Boyer in Baltimore.

Mr. Howard Johnston, of Baltimore, spent the week end at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Robinson, of Baltimore, visited relatives here the past week.

Mr. George Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnston and Mr. Howard Johnston and Miss Helen Jervis visited Mrs. George Johnston in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wandell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray King on Friday.

Mr. Robert Young and Mrs. Robert Hill are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dukes entertained Mr. Ferguson and Miss Owens on Sunday evening.

The Mite Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Webbs on Thursday evening.

The following officers were elected for the year: Mrs. Gerald Myers, President; Mrs. Harry Hill, Vice President; Mrs. May Spry, Secretary; Mrs. Robert Hill, Treasurer; Miss Mary Hill, pianist; refreshments were served and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Ada Hitch in Queenstown.

The employees are busy at the canery, labelling corn, they expect to send ten thousand cases out in a few days.

Mrs. William Ruane and children Anne, Billy and Charles, visited in Baltimore last week.

Mrs. Millie Miller entertained her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, of Worton, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kane, of Media, Pa., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clendaniel.

Mr. John Atwell and Mr. Robert Kennedy spent Wednesday in New Jersey.

Miss Gladys Archibald, of Wilmington, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald.

Mr. and Mrs. John George spent Sunday in Marcus Hook.

Miss Catherine Nickerson and cousin, Miss Coleman, of Crumpton, spent the week end with relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. James Archibald and Miss Gladys and Mr. Russell Fowler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Green, near Church Hill.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphan's Court for Kent County letters Testamentary on the personal estate of

SALLIE H. EVANS

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of July, 1933, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under our hands this 24th day of January, 1933.

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