FURROWS



BY JOSIAH ALLEN WEATHERBY

It looks like there ain't goin to be no tax relief fer the farmers of Maryland this year. Of course the commissioners will meet as usual and set the levy But that ain't goin to help the farmers none. It ain't so much the levy that hurts, it's the overassessment There is plenty of farms here in Kent County that is assessed fer over twice the amount they would bring if they wuz sold on the market. It's costin the food producers too much to carry on their business. It looks like the politicians is tryin to make the farmers pay right high fer the privilege of feedin the world. Look out, Mr. Politician, don't press down too hard.

Zeke says if he could git a buyer he would sell his farm and then go rent one from somebody else. He says he could mighty nigh live on what he would save from payin taxes, and milkin a few cows would make up the balance. And then he says he would be livin better than he is now when the fertilizer collector and the County Treasurer gits all he makes, and still leaves him in debt to 'em. Zeke is a good farmer, too. But he is like the rest of us. He has a hard time making ends meet inancially. It's pay out all the time whether you git anything in or not It can't go that way all the time.

Jed says politicians and commissioners and other office holders is sort of like drivin over our country roads. They git into ruts and it's hard to git out. They just keep on settin the levy, and issuin certificates to pay, hopin to find a little smoother road next year. They are afeared to change the assessment on farms, cause then they would have to find new sources of revenue and that would make a lot of people pay taxes that don't have much to pay now.

Them fellers has a lot of votes and the politicians wants to keep them votes lined up fer the next election.

Hiram says he would like to be a United States Senator fer awhile now. He'd like to ask J. P. Morgan what he expects to do with all his money when he dies. Zack says he'd like to be one of Mr. Morgan's partners fer awhile. He'd git him a frock coat and striped pants and go down to Washington and git in some of them pictures that's bein took there in the Senate inquiry. Zack thinks he'd look right well in a frock coat and striped pants. He says he's got a fine figger fer that sort of outfit and he ain't never had his picture in the paper in his whole life.

Jerry says if he had as much money as some of them Morgan fellers has got he wouldn't fool with no farm. He s ays he would sleep every morning till six o'clock instead of gitting up at four to milk the cows in time to git the milk to the station. He says he feels like he'd like to buy up the milk station and close it fer awhile just so as he could feel that he didn't have to git milk there on time. He says when he caught up with his sleep he'd like to go out to Nevada and watch Mr. Hoover mine gold. He says he always wanted to see where gold come from and to see plenty of it once in his life.

Tom Barclay says you farmers don't know nothin about losin sleep. He says lots of nights he is woke up around two or three o'clock by some city feller that wants five gallons of gasoline. Tow says he makes just eight and a half cents profit on that deal, not ollowin fer spillin some in the dark, and that's a lot of money to be woke up at that time of night fer. And he says the commissioners wouldn't cut his tax assessment none neither and he ain't got half the stock he had seven years ago when business wuz good. He says he reckons he'd had to pay the same taxes if he didn't have no stock at all.



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Just like "Dame Rumor," in the Queen Anne Record.

Which of our High School pricipals was it, that was cornered and made to sign an objection to a beer petition? He wanted to straddle the question and stand in good with both the wets and the drys, but the drys finally brought too much pressure. Now the "Wets" are giving him the razz, but good naturedly. The wets are not quite as vicious as the drys.

There is a feller in this town of ours, that sneaks through a back alley to get to his girl's house. The lady next door kids him about it, but he still says, "you didn't see me." He is single and let's hope his mother don't find out.

It is reported that a real party was held on the Grammer School grounds some nights ago. It was not sponsored by the School Board, Supervisors, teachers or pupils.

The only complaint about the new road to Lynches is, that another dirt road parking place will be broken up.

The new stone road to Lynch has been nick-named the Stavely & Bowers boulevard. The road will probably be completed in June and will be the shortest route from Chestertown to Betterton. Efforts to have this road paved were made when Harrington was governor. Senator Henry Brown from Kent worked for the road but to no avail. Just how it was finally put through will be published at a later date.

Back when stone roads were first being built it was considered very up-to-date to have a self starter and demountable rims. Closed cars at that time were unheard of and the steamboat line and the railroad were in their heyday. The people of Still Pond and Betterton thought it would be fine to have a stone road to connect the railroad station to those towns. People in that part of the county got behind the move and the road was built. The people of Lynch helped to have the road built with the understanding, that when a stone road was built to connect Betterton and Chestertown, it should come through Redding's corner to Lynch, and from Lynch connect with the Kennedyville-Chestertown road. Well the road from Still Pond Station to Betterton was built. Then Betterton was to be connected with Chestertown but the promise to the people of Lynch was forgotten. The new road was built on a new route. The people of Lynch saw the Worton road built and then saw the Kent County bond issue connect Catt's corner and Redding corner but no road through Lynch. The people however kept on trying and they struck a piece of luck and the road was ordered built.

Well, the boys up at Millington are now able to switch from 8.7 home-brew to lawful 3.2 beer. Down this way we thought we were going to have the gang all down for another hearing, but no one seemed in the objecting mood. The building has been rented, the rent was a point brought out at the last hearing and the lawless have become law abiding.

A distressing thing happened this week, when the College Hill Filling Station was granted a license to sell beer. You never see the college boys down town as the distance is too great for them to walk; so they have been unable to get beer. But now, a place which is only about half the distance of Main street is allowed to sell beer, and it is feared that the future leaders of our nation, will pour this poison down their gullet. This will cause their stomachs to rot, dull their minds and lower their morals.

Remember men, if you smoke and drink beer the women have just as much right to do it as you do. We know you do not want to see them doing anything like that, but maybe they will start if you don't cut it out. Also, to the College boys, f you drink beer it will weaken you physically and you won't be able to win as many foot-ball games as you have been ? ? ?

Betterton is running two dance halls on Saturday night at present. They are catering to altogether different crowds. Last Saturday night mama and papa went to the Rigbie which is fixed up somewhat like a cabaret, and sent the children to the Casino.

Both crowds had a big time. Oh yes, many from the college were there divided into cliques of their respective sororities and fraternities. Not familar with the gangs I can't say just which cliques out snubbed the others.

Many complaints are going around that the Welfare is helping a bunch of worthless bums that never will work as long as they get help.

No doubt much of this is true, as it is hard to seperate the wheat from the tiers, of the field and this dates back to the time the Bible was written.

When you know of unjust cases, inform the Welfare and they will try to remedy the conditions. Most people will tell their friends about the unjust cases, but will not inform headquarters, because they do not want to report anybody. Nevertheless the lazy bums should be reported and made to go to work and your cooperation is asked.

The Welfare Workers' did not like Harry Simmons Russell's crack about the Welfare paying a couple of the workers salaries. One of them would like him to take the job and the pay and see if he thinks she gets too much.

Chestertown is going to have something to talk about. See the first item in the Broadcast on page 1.

CONDUCTS ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

Rev. George V. Turner, a former Kent County boy has just held a successful meeting in the form of an anniversary celebrating the 103rd year since the founding of one of the churches of the Elk Neck M. E. Charges in Cecil County, of which he is pastor.

Rev. Turner was born at Betterton, being the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Turner. He attended the public schools of Betterton and graduated from Chestertown High School in 1926.

He became a member of the Wilmington M. E. Conference on probation in 1932 and is to be ordained a Deacon at the next session of that conference. He is now serving his second year as pastor of the Elk Neck Charge which is one of the best student appointments in the conference. He will attend the University of Delaware in the fall taking a special course for the next five years at the institution.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Anthony Murray and sister, Miss Charlotte Murray are the guests of Mrs. Hope H. Barroll at her summer home, Knox Folly.

Mrs. Alan A. Harris is spending the week in Baltimore.

Miss Nancy Jean Usilton, of the Washington School of Physical Education, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Usilton on Front street, for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Annie H. Stam and Miss Louise Stam, of Washington, D. C., were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Stam on Front street. Miss Susan S. Roberts returned to Washington with them on Monday.

Miss Mary Wilson, of Philadelphia, visited her sister, Mrs. Charles Atwater this week.

Mr. Phil Brooks, of McDonough School spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Brooks on Water St.

Mr. DeCoursey Ruth, of Newark, N. J., is a visitor in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thomas, of Betterton, will move to Chestertown next week and occupy the house now occupied by the Misses Brown on High street

Mr. Omar Crothers, of the University of Maryland, is the guest of friends in town.

Mr. David McMenamin, of Wilmington, will visit friends in town over this week end.

Mrs. Albert Lefenwell and children, of New York, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs J. D. Urie on Front street. Mr. Lefenwell was a week end guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jones, of Washington, D. C., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caldwell on Queen street.

Mr. Edward Corey, who recently underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins hospital, left the hospital this week. After a two weeks visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Lankford in Baltimore he will return to Kent county.

Mr. Henry Caldwell, of Chicago, was the guest last week at the home of Mr. Samuel Caldwell on Queen street.

Miss Effie Townsend, of Washington D. C., was the week end guest of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Simpers.

KENT BOYS 4-H NOTES

Quaker Neck Boys' Elect John Yerkey President

At the regular meeting of the Quaker Neck Boys' 4-H Club held Thursday night, May 25th, at the Community House the following officers were elected. John Yerkey, president; Billy Davis, vice-president; Robert Davis, Secretary; and Wilson Yerkey, treasurer. The business meeting was followed by discussions led by Mr. O. E. Yerkey, local leader and Asst. County Agent Stanley B. Sutton.

Piney Neck

The Piney Neck Boys' 4-H Club met for a short meeting Friday night, May 26th, and discussed the 4-H entertainment and rally they have been preparing for local leader. William MacCubbin is assisting in the preliminary work.

4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING TOUR

Team Picked to Judge at Salisbury June 2nd

A Dairy Cattle judging tour was held Saturday, May 27. It began at the farm of Mr. R. P. Dulin at 10.30 a. m. where two classes of Jerseys were used; continued to Mr. E. R. Morris farm where Guernseys were judged and ended at Mr. E. R. Pennington farm with two classes of Holsteins. Dr. DeVoe Meade of the Dairy Department of the University of Maryland assisted in the placing and instruction. The three high individual club members of the day were selected to represent Kent in the 4-H judging contest to be held in connection with the Eastern Shore Guernsey Field Day at Salisbury, Friday, June 2nd. Members of the team are Virginia Dulin and Walter Parsons of the 4-H Clover Club and Wilson Sutton of the Handy Andy Club.

Still Pond

The Still Pond Boys' 4-H Club met at the home of Joe and Lewis Atwell Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Vice President Charles Harper conducted the meeting. Lewis Atwell was elected Secretary to relieve Edward Nicholson who will be out of the county all summer. After the business meeting the group inspected several gardens and played a number of games.

W. C. COMMENCEMENT

STARTS NEXT THURSDAY, JUNE 8

With the second largest class of graduates in its history Washington College will open its 151st annual Commencement Week festivities on Thursday, June 8, when the Washington Players will present their farewell dramatic production of the year, and closing on June 12, with a meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors at 2 P. M., following the commencement exercises.

This year's ceremonies take on added significance since they will mark the close of the ten year regime of Dr. Paul E. Titsworth as president, and many of the exercises will be touched with farewell and testimonial tributes to the retiring head of the college, who on July 1 assumes the presidency of Alfred University.

The June Fete on the campus at 4 P. M., directed by Miss Doris T. Bell, and the Commencement Ball in the gymnasium at 9 P. M. on Friday, will complete the second day's program. John Gray McLain is chairman of the ball committee and Paul W. T. Pippin, of Chestertown, will be in charge of the decorations.

Saturday, June 10, will be Alumni Day, featuring the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, the Alumni ball game, the Alumni dance and a testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, at which time a bound volume of testimonial letters will be presented the retiring president.

Committees in charge of the testimonial dinner are as follows: Dinner Committee—Miss Ann B. Smyth, Chairman; Mrs. R. Hynson Rogers, Miss Mabel Toulson, Mrs. Ethel S. Fox, Mrs. Fred W. Dumschott, Mrs. W. Robert Huey, Fred W. Dumschott, W. B. Usilton, 3rd, and John Calvin Copper.

Welcoming Committee—Col. and Mrs. Hiram S. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Titsworth, Mr. and Mrs. John I. Coulbourn, Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott Beck, Mr. and Mrs. J. Purnell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lester Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stanley Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Loran R. Langsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Bounds, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Noland, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Howeth, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert V. Byron, Dr. and Mrs. W. Houston Toulson.

The reception will be at 7 P. M., the dinner at 7:30 P. M., the Alumni meeting at 8:30 P. M. and the dance at 9 P. M.

On Sunday morning Dr. Titsworth will deliver the final baccalaureate sermon in William Smith Hall at 11 A. M. and at 3:45 P. M. there will be a musical program by the College Musical Associations.

The commencement proper will be held on Monday, June 12, at 10:30 A. M. with David Lawrence, editor of the United States Daily, as the commencement orator. An informal luncheon will follow the exercises.

One of the features of the commencement program will be the unveiling of the portrait of Dr. James Roy Micou, vice-president emeritus of the college. The portrait was done by Mrs. Gretchen Kratzer Wood of New York City.

Honorary degrees will be awarded to William Henry Meese, vice-president of the Western Electric Company; Dr. Howard A. Kelly, professor emeritus of Gynecology in Johns Hopkins Medical School; Dr. Paul E. Titsworth and the Rev. Samuel Robert MacEwan, rector of Christ Church and dean of Trinity Cathedral, Easton.

The following members of the senior class will receive degrees:

Helen Janet Atwater, Chestertown; Kathryn Hessner Baker, Chestertown; Ann Elizabeth Bell, Chestertown; Robert Walter Beachley, Hagerstown; Lee Golt Bell, Chester, Md.; Joseph Bringhurst, Jr., Felton, Del.; Calvin Linwood Brinsfield, Rhodesdale, Md.; Roland E. Bullock, Kelton, Pa.; Joseph Warren Carey, Jr., Berlin, Md.; Gertrude Stella Chaney, Catonsville, Md.; Mary Theodosia Chapman, Chestertown; Charles Melvin Clark, Federalsburg, Md.; DeWitt Forman Clarke, Baltimore, Md.; Gladys Marie Coucill, Wilmington, Del.; Joseph Biard Dickerson, Milford, Del.; Alice Emily Dole, Chestertown; Albert Warner Dowling, Rock Hall, Md.; Mary Eleanor Dudley, Church Hill, Md.; Priscilla Frederick Everett, Chestertown.

Mary Edna Farr, Millington, Md.; Robert Townsend Fleetwood, Denton, Md.; Delmar Robert Furman, Carmel, N. Y.; Mamie Arlene Gale, Millington, Md.; Charles Jefferson Harris, Jr., Chestertown; Elizabeth Clapham Hepburn, Worton, Md.; Ethel Marian Herrera, Randallstown, Md.; Colin Price Hollingsworth, Church Mill, Md.; Harry Parker Boyd Hopkins, Centreville, Md.; Daniel Winthrop Ingersoll, Jr., Chestertown; Emily Jane Jewell, Chestertown; Richard Marean Johnson, Cumberland, Md.; Elizabeth Lee Jones, Galena, Md.; John Charles Knolhoff, Babylon, Long Island, N. Y.; Mary Ann Kreeger, Chestertown; John Gray McLain, Baltimore, Md.; Charles Edmund Morris, Jr., Easton, Md.; James Milton Noble, Vienna, Md.; Mary Matilda Parks, Centreville, Md.; Roland Custer Ready, Mountain Lake Park, Md.

Walter Howell Rees, Chestertown; James Nelson Rickards, Jr., Ridgely, Md.; Hubert Francis Ryan, Waterbury, Conn.; Elizabeth Virginia Schmidt, Randallstown, Md.; Rosiene Elizabeth Scotten, Marydel, Md.; Willard Lansdale Souder, Damascus, Md.; Ada Clough Stutz, Crumpton, Md.; Mary Lenore Taylor, Perryville, Md.; Margaret Boulden Thornton, Worton, Md.; Mason Trupp, Baltimore, Md.; Frederick Gleaves Usilton, Jr., Chestertown; Anna Evelyn Walbert, Chestertown; Mary Elizabeth Walbert, Chestertown; Margaret Sangster White, Chestertown; Philip Jerome Wingate, Wingate, Md.; William Elder Wright, Vienna, Md.

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