NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

SAMUEL HACKETT

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 25th day of February, 1934, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

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SCHOOL CONDITIONS

P. T. A. OF CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS ARGUMENTS ON SCHOOL CONDITIONS

The following is the second of a series of articles sponsored by the P. T. A. of Chestertown High School in an attempt to answer arguments advanced against the improvement of school facilities for Chestertown High School pupils.

Argument N. 2 That the present Chestertown High School building would not be overcrowded if Kennedyville, Fairlee, and Betterton High Schools had not been closed.

In considering this argument, three factors must be taken into consideratio, first, the rate of increase of high school pupils in the county and in the state during the past twelve years; second, state regulations governing high schools, and third, whether parents in the smaller communities would send their children to the smaller high school in preference to the larger high school.

Between the years 1823 and 1928 three additional high schools were maintained in Kent County at different period, Kennedyvile, Fairlee, and Betterton. No time did any one of these high schools have a greater numthan 20 pupils enrolled, and in one of the high schools, during the last year that it was open, but nine pupils were enrolled. The highest total number of pupils enrolled in all three schools in any one year was 37 pupils in 1925, the last year that all three high schools were open.

In the twelve year period from 1923 to 1934 inclusive, the total enrollment in the high schools of Kent County increased from 267 pupils to 508 pupils, an increase of 90 per cent. During the same period the state high school enrollment increased 108 per cent. In 1923 Chestertown High School, prior to any consolidation, had a total of 123 pupils enrolled. On the basis of the above rate of increase of high School, exclusive of consolidation, would have approximately a total of 234 pupils in 1934, 61 pupils less than the total number of pupils enrolled in Chestertown High School in 1934. It is also significant to note that the total enrollment of each of the now closed small high schools dropped each year as long as they were open, with the exception of one school. Betterton dropped from 30 pupils in 1923 to 9 pupils the year closed, Kennedyville had 10 pupils in 1924 and 13 pupils in 1925, the year closed, while Fairlee dropped from 15 pupils in 1925 to 11 pupils in 1928, the year closed. The question can well be raised why each of the small high schools should decline in enrollments each year while open while the large high schools of the county increased in enrollment, as did total high school enrollments in counties all over the State of Maryland. The answer is quite evident, namely, that pupils were withdrawing from the smaller high schools to attend a larger high school with its increased advantages.

State regulations for high schools provide among other things, that in order for a high school to be a first class high school offering four years of work, it must have an enrollment of not less than 30 bona fide high school students and two full time academic teachers including the principal; that in order to be a second class high school, limited it giving only two years of instruction and requiring one academic teacher, the minimum enrollment must be not less than 15 pupils. The year that the smaller high schools closed, not a single one of the now closed high schools met the requirements for a second class high school hence it is easy to see that the county school authorities had no alternative other than to close these high scools. Even were it possible to maintain the former small high schools as second class high schools, pupils would have to attend one of the larger high schools in Kent County for the third and fourth years of high school work. It is quite evident that this would not greatly relieve Chestertown High School if any considerable number were to take their final years of high school work in the county's largest high school.

In the third place, the attitude of parents toward sending their children to the small high school must be taken into consideration. By reason of the fact that enrollments in the closed small high schools declined each year that they were open, it is hardly reasoable to assume that any of the small high schools would be able to attract their full quota of pupils. Parents would probably continue to send their children as pupils to the larger high schools with the increased educational opportunities.

Finally, in view of the fact that Chestertown High School was built to accomodate but 150 pupils, it is evident that the high school building would have exceeded its capacity in 1924 regardless of the continuance of the closed high schools.

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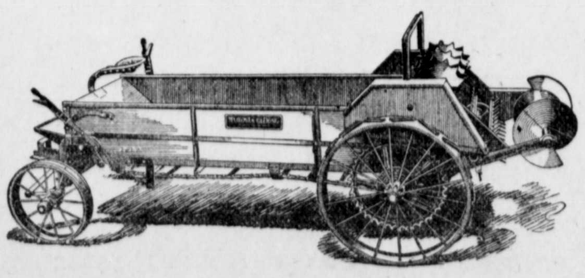
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Proclamation

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GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

WHEREAS, at the January session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1931, an Act was passed, to wit: Chapter 185 proposing an amendment to Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," regulating the period that the General Assembly may continue its session and the compensation of the members thereof, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection; and

WHEREAS, at the January session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1933, an Act was passed, to wit: Chapter 456 proposing an amendment to Section 7, of Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in contracting any debt or giving any credit, to discharge the same within forty (40) years; amending the powers of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow money for emergency purposes; and providing for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection; in words and figures as follows:

CHAPTER 185

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," regulating the period that the General Assembly may continue its session and the compensation of the members thereof and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

15. The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in its judgment the public interest may require, for a period not longer than ninety days; and each member thereof shall receive a compensation of ten dollars per diem for every day he shall attend the session but not for such days as he may be absent, unless absent on account of sickness or by leave of the House of which he is a member; and he shall also receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding twenty cents per mile; and the presiding officer of each House shall receive an additional compensation of five dollars per day. When the General Assembly shall be convened by proclamation of the Governor the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, and in such case the compensation shall be the same as herein prescribed.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly of Maryland, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

Approved: April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER 456

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 7, of Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in contracting any debt or giving any credit, to discharge the same within forty (40) years; amending the powers of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow money for emergency purposes; and providing for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 7, of Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 7, of Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

Section 7. From and after the adoption of this Constitution, no debt (except as hereinafter excepted), shall be created by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; nor shall the credit of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association, or corporation; nor shall the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have the power to involve the City of Baltimore in the contsrtuction of works of internal improvement nor in granting any aid thereto, which shall involve the faith and credit of the city, nor make any appropriation therfor, unless such debt or credit be authorized by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, and by a ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, submitted to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, at such time and place as may be fixed by said ordinance, and approved by a majority of the votes cast at such time and place; such ordinance shall provide for the discharge of any such debt or credit within the period of forty (40) years from the time of contracting the same; but the Mayor and City Council may, temporarily, borrow any amount of money to meet any deficiecy in the City Treasury, and may borrow any amount at any time to provide for any emergency arising from the necessity of maintaining the police, or preserving the health, safety and sanitary condition of the city and may make due and proper arrangements and agreements for the renewal and extension, in whole or in part, of any and all debts and obligations created according to law before the adoption of this Constitution.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That said foregoing section, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall be, at the next general election for Members of the House of Representatives of Congress held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1933.

Approved: April 21, 1933.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT C. RITCHIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapters 185 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1931, and 456 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1933, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the general election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday the 6th day of November, 1934, at which election the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of th State for their adoption or rejection.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis, this 16th day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-four.

THE GREAT SEAL OF MARYLAND

ALBERT C. RITCHIE,
By the Governor:
DAVID C. WINEBRENNER, 3d,
Secretary of State.

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VERA D. BOTTOMLEY

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