NEWS GATHERED ON PENINSULA

Bel Air Firemen Will Not Accept Pay

Bel Air—At the meeting in the Court House, Bel Air, on Friday night of last week, to discuss the question of providing paid drivers for the several volunteer fire companies throughout the county, the County Commissioners agreed to finance the plan when it was stated nearly all of the members of the Bel Air Fire Department had been called to the armed forces.

The matter was left open until the meeting of the Commissioners on Monday, May 3, when the fire companies would have time to discuss the question.

It was estimated the cost to the county would be between $7,000 and $8,000.

At the regular meeting of Susquehanna Hose Company on Monday night the firemen voted not to accept the offer at the present time but would consider the matter at a later date if an emergency should occur.

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Arrests Made In Liquor Dispensary Theft

Pocomoke City—Two negroes, a man andhis wife, were arrested on Friday of last week in connection with the Wicomico County Dispensary missing deposit of $3,000. The parties arrested were Lois Joseph Menefee, charged with receiving $100, the property of the County Trust Company; and his wife, Margaret Menefee, charged with receiving $100. It is alleged that the money was given to the parties by Marion Hyland, negro theater manager who was arrested last week by the FBI for the theft of the cash deposit of $3,000 taken from the night depository of the County Trust Company, where it had been placed by an employee of the dispensary. Hyland pleaded guilty before U. S. Commissioner Lewis C. Merryman and committed to jail in Cambridge in default of a $5,000 bond for his appearance before a federal grand jury.

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Auto Sounds Fire Alarm

Easton—Early Saturday morning about two o'clock, the Oxford Fire Company was called to Winfield, the farm of Mr. S. N. Hersloff, near Oxford; his car was on fire. The family was awakened by the blowing of a car horn and looking out, discovered their car in the garage was on fire. Mr. Hersloff rushed out, bare-footed and in his night clothes, to push the burning machine out of the garage. Luckily the brakes were not on but in doing so, burnt the soles of his feet so badly that for several days he was hobbling around on sore feet. The fire company succeeded in putting out the blaze but the car is a wrieck. The tires seem to be uninjured by the heat. The only solution to the cause of the fire was undoubtedly due to a short circuit.

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Mark Miller Resigns As County Agent

Centreville—Mark Miller, Queen Anne's County Agent for four years, has resigned his position here and has accepted a similar position in Hagerstown.

Mr. Miller came to this county in June of 1939, as assistant county agent and upon the resignation of Kenneth W. Baker, a year later, he was appointed as county agent. He is a native of Herdon, Pa., and graduated from the high school in that town. He entered Bucknell College where he studied mechanical engineering for a year. He then transferred to Penn State College to specialize in agriculture.

The week after his graduation he entered the employ of Swift and Company as hatcheryman at Algona, Iowa. In December, 1937, he was transferred to Iowa Falls, Ia., as hatcheryman foreman. Following that he came to this county.

Mr. Miller will leave his position here on the fifteenth of May.

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Mad Dog Bites Two Children And 15 Dogs

Elkton—State Veterinarian Dr. Mark Welsh reports that a dog, suffering from rabies, made is appearance in this county within the past few days, biting two children and 15 dogs. The children are already undergoing the Pasteur treatment, and some of the dogs known to have been bitten have been exterminated.

Dr. Welch was in Elkton, Tuesday afternoon and had a conference with the Board of County Commissioners and it was decided to place a quarantine on all dogs, in the county, starting Saturday.

Last Fall, a similar condition developed in the eastern section of the county, and doge were quaranteened all during the hunting season.

Several persons were also bitten by the dog, which was found to have been suffering from rabies after it was killed.

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Former Minister Writes Book Of Month

"Lamps in the Darkness," from the pen of the Rev. Roy L. Tawes, pastor of Washington Methodist Church, Hurlock, has been chosen as the outstanding religious contribution for May by the Pulpit Book of the Month Club. The introduction is by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes.

The Tawes manuscript has been published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, of Nashville, publishing headquarters of the Methodist Church. This is not Mr. Tawes' first appearance in the world of literature. He "Religion In Books," which appears in "Religion In Books," whic appears in several other papers on the Shore, serves as a guide to persons seeking reading matter with a spiritual appeal.

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Man Killed And Several Hurt During Peninsula Windstorm

Salisbury—A Virginia truckman, transferring from one truck to another during a heavy downpour was instantly killed and several others persons were injured on the lower Shore in traffic accidents as winds and a driving rain hampered visibility during the week-end storm.

High winds caused considerable damage to farm buildings and crops in the lower shore area and Sussex County. Automobile traffic was paralyzed in rural areas by either blinding dust or rain during Friday night's storm.

Warsh Foskey, 40 years old, Ouancock, Va., suffered fatal inpuries, a fractured skull and a leg amputated when he was struck by an automobile driven by Sanclair Wright Fruitland, one mile west of Snow Hill, Dr. John L. Riley, deputy medical examiner of Worcester County, said.

Dr. Riley said Foskey was crossing the highway, Friday evening after leaving one loaded truck headed west in order to board an eastbound truck owned by the same man, loaded with lumber, when he was struck by Wright's car. Dr. Riley said Wright told him he failed to see Foskey crossing the road and did not see the lights of the truck.

The automobile which was damaged also hit the tractor-trailer, knocking it from under the lumber cargo.

Mrs. William P. Brown, Ocean City road, suffered a slight head injury when a state police car in the driving rain struck the pick-up truck of her husband on the highway six miles east of Salisbury at Walston's. Trooper Sherwood Williams was driving the police car.

Trooper Edwin D. McGee of the state police is investigating the accident which killed Foskey, and an investigation is being conducted by Troop D. commander Sergt. Paul Randall and acting Barrack E commander, Corp. John C. Gates in the crash involving Trooper Williams and the Brown truck.

High winds did considerable damage to the bean crop on the lower shore, according to several reports received from farmers by Wicomico County Agent James P. Brown.

Brown said the crop-saving rain Friday night restored much moisture to the soil, packing is so the winds would have a less disastrous effect on the crops above the ground.

Canadian Invents Jeep On Snow Shoes Carries Six Fully-Equipped Soldiers

The weird-looking vehicle plowing through a snow drift in the top photo is the Canadian Army's favorite winter buggy. Capable of "sailing" over the deepest snowbank, it is the invention of J. A. Bombardier, of Valcourt, P.Q. (lower right). A snow jeep under construction is shown in lower left photo.

ON and off for two winters, the old farmer had been shouting encouragement to the neighbour's boy. In a Rube Goldberg contraption, consisting of two sleds and an old engine, the lad had been vainly trying to climb a steep incline leading to the woods. Finally, one evening, the farmer rushed into the house crying to his wife: "He's made it! He's made it! I knew he'd do it!"

That was twenty years ago. Today, that boy, Armand Bombardier, now 35, is still turning out weird conveyances, but these are real snowmobiles and he is building them for the Canadian army. Experts in the Army Engineering Design Branch of the Department of Munitions and Supply, agree that his invention is just the thing for personnel transport across the snow-bound countryside, carrying as it does half a dozen fully equipped men over the deepest snow.

His featherweight snowmobile is a plywood vehicle mounted on wide snowshoe-like tracks. It is equipped with skis at the front and is propelled by a rugged 95 h.p. engine located at the back. With a speed of more than 25 miles an hour, it can go anywhere a skier or snowshoer can. The secret of its mobility lies in its extremely supple suspension. Its tracks are supported by specially designed pneumatic wheels, four on each side.

Armand Bombardier has lived all his life in the small Quebec settlement of Valcourt in the hilly Eastern Townships. Years ago, the village was completely isolated during the winter months and the idea struck the young inventor that he should devise some vehicle which would travel over the snow covered hills to the neighbouring towns.

Leaving school early—he had virtually no technical training—he opened a garage, making sure there would be plenty of space for his snowmobile experiments. He built scores of models, labouring late at night designing springs, improving motors. He tried every form of propulsion including propellers. These, however, he discarded when he became convinced that traction was his only solution.

Like most inventors, he was the butt of many jokes, and few took him seriously. They all changed their minds, however, when, in 1936 he succeeded in turning out a model which performed marvels in the deepest snow.

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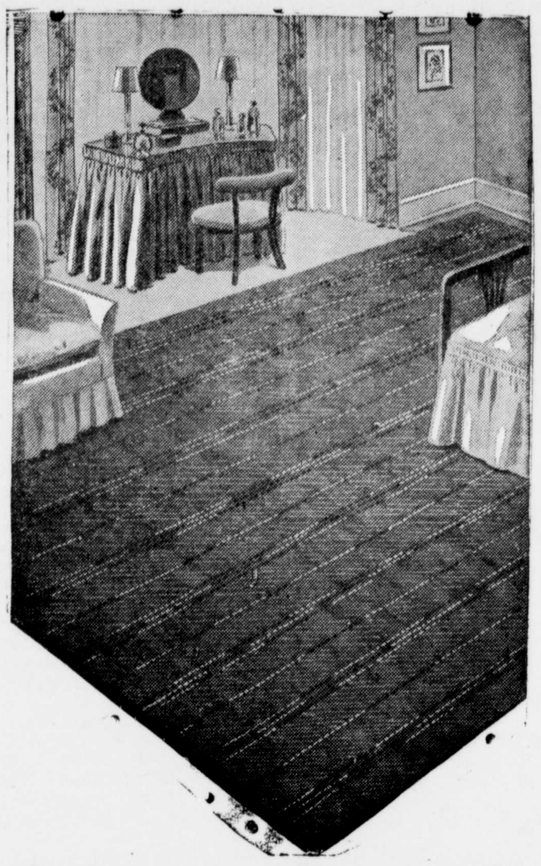

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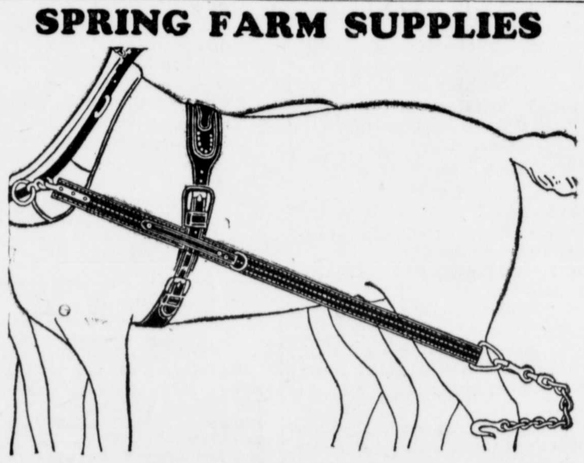

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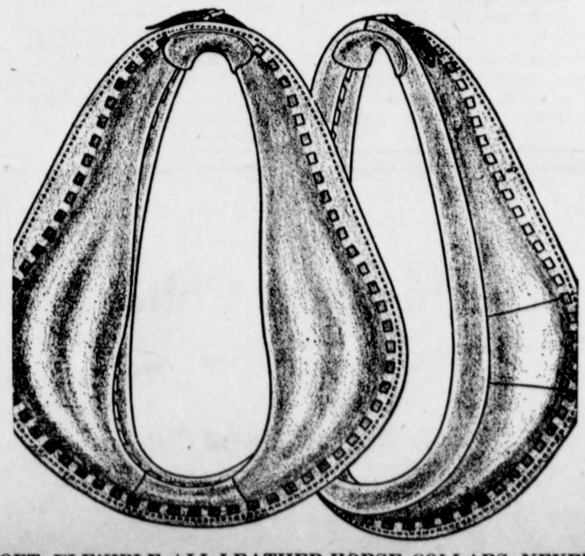

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