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KENT COUNTY TEACHERS TO GET EXTRA PAY

The school teachers of Kent County will receive extra compensation totaling $18,960 during the 12 school months from May 1, as the result of legislation sponsored by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor and passed at the Special Session of the Legislature.

Of the total amount to be paid, three-quarters, or $14,220 will be paid directly from the State Treasury while $2,133 additional will be available as the result of the $27 per teacher allocated by the State last year to those counties making provision to carry the $20 per month bonus payment to teachers through April of this year.

The $1,530,000 to be paid by the State as a result of the bill which the Governor has announced that he will sign in the very near future, is in addition to the $1,900,000 which Governor O'Conor included in his budget for teacher's bonus at the session last year. Not only is it the first time in the history of the State that the State Treasury has paricipated directly in the payment of salaries to teachers in the counties and city but, with the additional $1,530,000 now allocated for such payments, the overall State appropriations for the Public School system during these two years will be in excess of $20,000,000 by far the largest amount ever provided in any two years.

This $20,000,000 is in contrast to the $12,500,000 for 1938 and 1939, just prior to Governor O'Conor's Administration, and the largest Public School budget on record up to that time.

In voicing his gratification at the passage of the teacher's bonus bill, Governor O'Conor declared:

"When I submitted to the Legislature, at the outset of this Special Session, the proposed solution of this problem, I felt that the suggested plan of distribution of cost was entirely fair and reasonable. I was particularly anxious to have recognition given to the fact that the local governments and the State should share this responsibility. Such a course is in keeping with the traditional policy by which public education here is an obligation of local government administered by officials in the various communities directly answerable to their fellow citizens, and with the State rendering substantial financial assistance in preserving the integrity of the system. The Legislature has affirmed this basic policy in the enactment now passed.

"In reality, State money to the extent of 86% of the whole is making possible the school teachers' bonus over the period until July 1, 1945. In addition to the 75% provided in the bill, the $27 per teachers contribution made previously and representing $215,000 from the State Treasury, can be used by the local governments with which to pay their share.

"I express genuine satisfaction that this workable plan has been brought about, as a result of which we will be able to make these additional payments to the school teachers in recognition of their splendid services."

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NAVY ACCEPTS 17 YEAR OLDS WITH CONSENT

Numerous conflicting stories concerning enlistment procedure for the Navy have resulted in many confusing situations among men in Maryland especially among young men of the 17 to 18 group.

In an effort to clarify the regulations pertaining to Naval enlistments for men of 17, Lieutenant Commander H. R. Stone, Officer in Charge of Navy Recruiting activities for Maryland, issued the following statement:

The Navy offers young men of 17 many advantages and opportunities and one of the most important is free schooling. Every Navy man is given the opportunity to qualify for one or more of the many trade schools where men are trained to be specialists in their choice of nearly 50 different trades. This schooling is of untold value to the young man during his time in service and when he returns to civilian life after the war, it will better equip him for a civilian job.

Young men who have passed their seventeenth birthday but who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday can still voluntarily enlist in the Navy, providing they have their parent's or guardian's consent. Young men of this age applying for enlistment should bring with them to the Recruiting Station their birth certificate, or some other proof of age, such as a baptismal certificate or official record of date and place of birth.

Kent's Red Cross War Fund Drive Nears Quota Of $12,000

According to reports it is believed that Kent County has gone over the top in the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Over $11,000 had been reported raised Monday and not until next week is a report again due from the canvassers.

Kent's quota was $12,000 and it is hoped that the drive will greatly exceed the quota.

Mr. J. B. Whitworth urges all to make their donation as large as possible and to get it in as soon as possible. If you have not been solicited, send it to your district chairman or the Red Cross headquarters in Chestertown.

Negroes To Hold Another Rally

The Negroes of Kent County held a big Red Cross Rally at Janes Methodist Church Friday evening, March 10, 1944. The meeting was called to see how much ground had been covered in their drive toward the $2000 which was set as their goal. The Red Cross workers came in from all parts of the county to give their first reports. The enthusiasm was high and interest great as the audience listened to the proceedings of the evening. Dr. Atwater of the Episcopal Church and Mr. J. B. Whitworth, County Chairman set the stage for the rally by their stirring remarks concerning the Red Cross and its work and objectives. Added to this were singing groups and readings which kept the spirits of the audience high. Various chairmen expressed how important it was that we back this drive to the limit and show our ability to shoulder our obligations. In response, the various communities made excellent reports on their quotas. The amount received that night totaled $1,917.84.

The contributions came as follows:

Melitota	$ 110.75
Still Pond	48.00
Sassafras	79.00
Worton Point	87.00
Colemans	204.63
Chestertown	249.00
Sharptown	115.20
Edesville	66.50
Butlertown	42.00
Morgnec	37.00
Olivet and Davis Hill	46.00
Fairlee	64.00
Chesterville	50.00
Quaker Neck	314.40
Millington	105.25
Georgetown	66.50
Kent Co. Gospel Singers	15.00
Fountain	20.05
Broad Neck	15.00

Many new pledges were made during the rally. The sponsoring of boys by groups and families was taken by persons in the group. A complete list of such sponsors will be published at the close of the drive. Principal E. T. Hawkins, chairman for the group announced that the Jubilee Meeting for the Drive will be held at Bethel Church in Chestertown on Friday evening, March 24 at 8:30. At that time it is expected that all pledges will be paid, all quotas met, and all sponsors recorded. The mark is expected to be surpassed by a big margin.

Read what our fighting men have to say about the Red Cross.

Major Gen., John C. H. Lee:

"It has been called to my attention that the American Red Cross must make a new appeal for funds on March 1, 1944, in order to carry on its great worldwide service for the Armed Forces of the United States.

"Such an appeal cannot—will not—fail.

"The American Red Cross has done a superb job in the European Theatre of Operations and its work has been appreciated by all, from the highest commanding officers to the privates in the ranks.

"As the activities of our Armed Forces overseas increase, so increase the responsibilities and expenses of the American Red Cross. It is therefore my sincere hope that your next appeal for funds will meet with a resounding success deserving of work so important to our war effort."

Lieut. Gen., Ira C. Eaker:

"Here in the U. K., the American Red Cross has done wonders for the Eighth Air Force. On our combat airfields, most of which are far from town, Red Cross Clubs give our weary flyers and maintenance men indispensable relaxation and fun. To smaller units scattered all over the countryside, no sight is more welcome than the Red Cross Clubmobile with American girls serving American doughnuts and coffee. The American Red Cross is making an invaluable contribution to the happiness, morale, and fighting spirit of our men.

Lieut. Gen. Joseph M. Stilwell:

"The American Red Cross has made an outstanding contribution to the high morale of the soldiers in the China-Burma - India theater. Its ceaseless efforts put forth in connection with the special service work of the Army have helped to provide a wholesale diversion for the soldiers from their rigorous and exacting war duties. Throughout its work in hospitals, recreation centers, canteens, and other activities, the Red Cross has done much to fill the void in the fighting men who are thousands of miles from their homes and loved ones. Red Cross war funds are vitally necessary to keep these important efforts alive."

Lieutenant General Carl Spaatz:

"I am proud to endorse the splendid work being done by the American Red Cross.

"It has brought entertainment and comforts to our combat and ground crews at advanced airfields, thus contributing substantially to their morale.

"In aid to the undernourished children of liberated areas the Red Cross is also doing a magnificent job.

"I consider it the privilege of all Americans to contribute generously to the Red Cross War Fund."

Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to express the debt of gratitude of the Fifth Army to the American Red Cross for the fine work that it has done in maintaining the morale of our men and officers. The men and women of the Red Cross have not been deterred by fatigue, discomfort or danger. For the soldier's occasional moments of leisure, they have afforded clubs and other places of recreation and where troops are resting for a few days out of actual combat, but far from town surroundings, representatives of the Red Cross have gone forward to make a little more pleasant their spare moments.

"The Red Cross with the Fifth Army, like the Red Cross everywhere has proved its worth. I take great pleasure in wishing it the best of luck in its War Fund Drive."

Major General James A. Doolittle

"When our flying crews return from their combat missions, Red Cross doughnuts and coffee from the mobile canteen are most welcome. Our boys in the hospital get Red Cross supplies, books, games, and entertainment on leave our airmen head for the Red Cross Club for a snack and relazation. No one has to sell the Red Cross to the U. S. Army Air Forces overseas. They know and appreciate its activity. It is my opinion, and I am sure the boys in the American Air Force agree with me, that the Red Cross War Fund deserves the unqualified support of the entire country."

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

"The commendable work being accomplished by the American Red Cross in the South Pacific Area is of inestimable value. Serving in its own field of endeavor the American Red Cross contributes to the morale of our fighting forces through the many services it offers. Red Cross hospital service, clubs, rest homes, welfare services, recreation, entertainment programs, and welfare-comfort supplies are only a part of a large and broad service.

"The Red Cross program in this area supplements the planned military programs of recreation, entertainment, welfare and morale. Here in the South Pacific as elsewhere the Red Cross alleviates human suffering and mental anxiety; it stands ready to help the men and women of the military forces who protect the American home."

Admiral Harold R. Stark

"A foreign port can be a lonely place for a sailor. No matter how great the good will of the people, he longs for the friends, the comradeship, the fun, and the food, which to him—means home.

"This is where the American Red Cross comes in.

"Wherever our fighting men are serving, they turn with confidence to that familiar Red Cross symbol, sure of finding there, that home-like touch for which they yearn.

"Fighting spirit is built onmorale, and morale rests to a very large extent on the contentment and well being of the individual. For this reason, the Navy is always concerned in how a man spends his time off duty.

"You, who have seen the Red Cross activities only on the home front, have seen but a part of the grand job the Red Cross is doing. You can be sure that it is providing your dear ones overseas, in their leisure hours, with the next best thing to home. And you can be sure. that in so doing, it is hastening the day when your fighting men will return to you.

"I urge you to open your hearts and your purses to the Red Cross call. In so doing you are providing—a home away from home—with all it means in comfort—morale—fighting edge—and victory."

Lt. General Alexander A. Vandegrift

"Wounded Marines are eternally grateful for the life-saving blood plasma, collected from the American people by the Red Cross. We know plasma has many times spelled the difference between life and death.

"As this war enters its crucial stage, we of the Marine Corps, urge the American people to support their Red Cross to the utmost. As Commanding General on Guadalcanal and Bougainville, I cannot too strongly voice my conviction that the services the Red Cross brings to my organization not only is vital to the well-being of each man, but makes for a better Marine."

10 STUDENTS TAKE ARMY-NAVY TESTS AT COLLEGE

The third Army-Navy college qualifying test for the Army Specialized Program and the Navy College V-12 program was given 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at Washington College. Dr. F. G. Livingood, Dean, directed the tests and 10 applicants were present to participate.

Each applicant taking the test will be notified by May 1st whether or not he qualified.

Those who qualify and are between 17 years and 6 months and 17 years and 9 months on July 1 are assured "except i nthe event of an unforseen military emergency" of a minimum of 6 months of college work before they are called into active Army duty. Those who are under 17 years and 6 months on July 1 are assured of a minimum of at least 9 months of college work. A limited number of men between 17 years and 9 months and 22 years will be selected for ASTP following their basic military training.

The cost of tuition, fees, food, housing, and medical care of men selected will be paid by the government.

Men will be assigned to curricular in (a) applied science (b) chemical and biological sciences preparatory to medical and dental studies and (c) mathematics and physics. These curricula are similar to the present ASTP basic curricula.

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P. T. A. COUNCIL TO MEET AT ROCK HALL

Mr. Howard Anderson, instructor in agriculture in the Princess Anne High School, will address the Kent County Council of the Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting that will be held at 8.00 P. M., Thursday, March 23, 1944, in the auditorium of the Rock Hall High School. In addition to his interest in agriculture as a teacher Mr. Anderson also owns and operates two first class farms in Somerset County which are in a high state of cultivation. Accordingly, the speaker's topic will have a two-fold appeal. Educatros will be interested in a report on a vocational course that is attracting large classes of enthusiastic students; and parents, particularly farmers, will be interested to hear about an educational service that is available to the youth of Somerset County who plan to make farming their life's work.

J. Lewin Burris president of the Kent County Council, will preside at the meeting. He extends an invitation to persons throughout the county to hear Mr. Anderson's alk. He recommends the speaker as a successful educator and farmer who speaks a language that farmers will appreciate.

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Lions Club Have Zone Meeting Here

The Chestertown Lions Club was host club last Monday evening to other Lions Club of this zone. Clubs represented at the meeting were Greensboro, Queenstown, Harrington and Chestertown. Helpful ideas and future plans for Lions Clubs was the purpose of this meeting.

The banquet was served by the Dauhters of America at their Hall on Cross St.

A regional meeting of Lions Clubs is scheduled to be held at Easton on April 5th. All members of Lions Clubs of this region that have joined since July 1, 1943, will be formerly inducted at that time.

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Found Dead On Buck Neck Road

Sereba Jones, colored, age 48, was found dead on the Buck Neck Landing road, Monday morning by Mr. Richard Joiner.

Joiner upon finding the body notified Sheriff Gsell, who along with Coroner Frank V. Hines went to the scene Coroner Hines stated that the deceased had died from exposure. On further investigation it was learned that the woman had been mentally sick over a long period of time and apparently had wandered off. Her home was in Sandy Bottom.

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Tax Sales Are Listed This Week

On page three, of this issue, is listed Kent County properties on which taxes have not been paid and unless said taxes are paid on or before April 4th, 1944, they will be offered for public sale by the County Treasurer, Robert E. Lee at the Court House on the above date.

S. Scott Beck, Prominent Citizen And Ex-Senator Died Suddenly

S. Scott Beck, one of the outstanding lawyers and business men of the Eastern Shore of Maryland died at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, Chestertown, Monday afternoon, following an illness of four days.

His death Monday at the age of 61 years ended an enviable career that took him to the height of his profession. Born in Broad Neck, this county the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Beck he spent his entire life in Kent County. Following his graduation at Washington College and the University of Maryland Law School in 1907 he took up the practice of law in Chestertown and rose rapidly in the practice of that profession.

In 1920 he was elected State Attorney for Kent County and served in that capacity until 1927 when he was elected to represent this county in the Maryland Senate. He was again elected to that office and served until 1934 when he received the appointment of Comptroller of the Customs for the South Atlantic Seaboard, which position he held at the time of his death. Up until the time of this appointment he was a successful political leader in Kent County and the State of Maryland.

In 1937 he suffered a stroke of paralysis but recovered sufficiently to continue his Federal duties and also carry on his large law practice. On Friday of last week he went to Baltimore to attend to some work at the Custom House and upon his return to Chestertown was taken to the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital suffering from a severe cold. His death three days later was due to pneumonia.

In addition to his legal duties he was a leader in the business activities of his county. For many years he has been President of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland. He was one of the organizers and was president at the time of his death of the Kent Defense Corporation which since the spring of 1942 has been manufactureing ammunition for the Army and Navy and has developed into Kent's outstanding industry. He was an organizer and Chairman of the Board of the local freeze locker plant that is nearing completion. His entire career has been one of progress and achievement and his sudden death creates a tremendous loss in this community.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mackey Perry, of Centreville; a son Lieutenant S. Scott Beck, Jr., U. S. N., who was associated with the Senior Beck in the law firm of Beck and Beck prior to his entering the Naval forces in 1941, he is now with the Armed Forces in the South Pacific; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Welton, wife of Lieutenant Welton, U. S. Coast Guard stationed at New London, Connecticut; a sister, Mrs. Samuel C. Emory, of Chestertown.

Funeral services were held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown at 3 p. m. Wednesday conducted by Dr. C. L. Atwater, Rector of that church and Rev. William Wyllie, rector of Old St. Paul's Church. Interment was in St. Paul's cemetery.

The active bearers were: Major J. Thomas Kibler, U. S. Army; Louis C. Skinner, of New York; Philip G. Wilmer, John W. Perry, of Centreville; Franklin H. Beck, of Connecticut; Richard Carvell.

Honorary bearers, all of whom attended the funeral services, were Colonel H. S. Brown, Dr. F. B. Hines, Judges Stephen R. Collins, J. Owen Knotts, W. Raymond Horney and Albert Canstable of the Second Judicial Circuit, of Maryland; United States Senator Millard E. Tydings, Congressman David J. Ward, Mr. Philip V. Kratzer Mr. Charles Eshman, and Messrs. Pepper and Marshall of the Triumph Explosives at Elkton.

SENATOR TYDINGS ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY

Senator Tydings formally became a candidate for renomination by filing with the Secretary of State at Annapolis, Wednesday.

Tonight at 12 o'clock is the last opportunity to file for Congressional office.

Senator Tydings was the last of the incumbent members of the Maryland Congressional delegation to become a candidate for renomination.

Issues Statement

Senator Tydings issued a brief statement at his Washington office, declaring his position in national and international affairs is well known to the voters and that he is seeking renomination on his record in the Senate.

Two others have filed for the Democratic Senate nomination—Vincent F. Long, of Baltimore, and Charles Baden of Brooklyn Park—but it appeared that no formidable political opposition to the Senator's renomination may be expected.

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London Bridge Chapter D. A. R.

Miss Ella Hicks entertained the London Bridge Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution Thursday night at a "steak" dinner at Willy's Restaurant. After enjoying the delicious meal, and social hour the group retired to Miss Hick's home on Quee nstreet for an important business meeting.

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Word has been received here that Don T. Falls Jr. has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. He is now somewhere in the South Pacific.

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Private Eben P. Taylor spent the week-end at his home here from Fort Dix, N. J.

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About 200 guests attended a banquet at the Still Pond Methodist Church Wednesday evening given by Mr. Albert Jervis is agent. The dinthe Eastern States Exchange of which ner was served by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

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Joshua Davis, Hainesville farmer was badly bitten in the nose by a dog, Tuesday. Mr. Davis was petting the dog when he leaped upon him and grabbed him by the nose, tearing a large piece out. The unfortunate farmer was brought to the hospital where he was given medical attention.

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DO YOU KNOW?

All peace officers and the Maryland State Police shall have authority to summon witnesses to give testimony under oath upon any charge preferred under Article 66½.

TURNER WARNS FARMERS AGAIN'T JOHN L. LEWIS

Turner, of Parkton, Md., president of the Interstate Farmers' Council, told the Northeastern Dairy Conference today that John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers' Union might be able some day to force farmers into its organization.

"I want to warn all of you." Turner said, 'of the fact that while Lewis is making small headway at present, he is setting up skeleton groups over the nation with the purpose of cashing in during the expected depression in the post-war period at a time when farmers will be so desperate that they would join anything.

'Please note that gradually, like the growth of a cancer, organized labor is getting control of all the labor in transportation processing and distribution of all foodstuffs.

"The day may come when they say to agriculture, join our union or we will not handle your product'."

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D. A. R. Entertains

Mrs. Linda Hendrickson and Miss Frances Morris were hostesses to the Old Kent Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution at their home in Fairlee last Saturday.

After an interesting business session with Dr. Esther M. Dobe, Regent in the Chair, a delightful luncheon was served.

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Easton District WSCS To Hear Missionary Returned From China

The spring meeting of the Easton District WSCS will be held in Union Methodist Church, Federalsburg, Md., on Tuesday, March 21st, at 10:30 a.m. The high point of this all-day session will be an inspirational message by Miss Alice Powell, a missionary who returned from China on the Gripsholm last December.

Mrs. Clifford Kirk, Secretary of Deaconess Work will give an interesting report of the work at Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, and Mary Todd Gambrill Neighborhood House, projects of the Society.

Also there will be an opportunity for the officers and secretaries of the local Church societies to form discussion groups with the respective District officers and secretaries to learn more fully their duties and how to fill out reports of the work.

All members of the WSCS are asked to attend the meeting but officers and secretaries are especially urged to take advantage of this opportunity Those attending are asked to bring sandwiches and the ladies of Union Church will serve coffee and desert.

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CITIZEN AWARD FOR 1943 TO BE MADE THURSDAY

The Chestertown Business Men's Association urges you to be present next Thursday evening, 8 p. m. at the Fire House, when the "Outstanding Citizenship Award for 1943" is made.

Mr. Earl Hollinger, president of the Association is planning an elaborate meeting.

Ballots for suggestions of the outstanding citizen were published in the county papers and those sent in were handed to a secret committee of judges selected by the Business Men's Association. They selected the citizen to receive the award.

Main speaker for the occasion will be Paul B. Stevens an Attorney of Baltimore and also head of vocational guidance program in Baltimore City College. He will be introduced by Earl S. Hollinger ,president of the association.

Several other prominent speakers will be on the program as well as musical entertainment by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company band.

This wil lbe the third award made. In 1941, Mr. L. Bates Russell, Sr., received the award and in 1942, Mr. Herman Blackway, Chief of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co.

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SPECIAL SESSION ONE OF THE BEST OBSERVERS SAY

The Special Session of the General Assembly of Maryland just concluded, which was called by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor primarily to consider absentee voting and teacher, State employee bonus legislation, will go down on record as "one of the best-planned and conducted sessions in the history of the State," veteran legislative observes declared here today.

The absentee voting bill adopted, they pointed out, reflected the months of interest in and study of the subject by Governor O'Conor, as a member of the Executive Committee of the Governors' Conference, and by Attorney General Walsh who was called in by Governor O'Conor to help draft uniform legislation for submission by the Council of State Governments to all the States.

With regard to the teachers' bonus the Legislature gave approval to Governor O'Conor's proposition that it was a matter for joint County-City-State action, thus preserving the Maryland policy of local responsibility in educational matters.

The success of the Governor's efforts to limit the session to strictly emergency matters met with hearty cooperaion from the members of the Assembly who were highly praised by the Governor for their steadfastness in adhering to the purposes for which the session was called.

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Trooper Cronshaw Injured In Fall

Trooper R. E. Cronshaw of the Maryland State Police was painfully injured Wednesday afternoon when he was thrown from a Motorcycle near McClains Corner on the road leading from Chestertown to Rock Hall.

After an examination at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital is was found that there were no bones broken but he had received a sprained wrist and foot.

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Betterton Fire Company Elects

The Betterton Volunteer Fire Company recently elected the following officers, President, William Fleckenschildt; Vice-Pres., Roeder Campbell; Treasurer, Ray King; Secretary, Donald Owens; Chief, Richard Fellows; 1st Ass't. Chief, Floyd Smith; 2nd Ass't. Chief, Harry Meeks; 3rd Ass't Chief, Elwood Bramble.

The company was formed several years ago and has been an added asset to that bayside town.

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ELECTRIC POWER RATES REDUCED

Through an agreement between the officials of the Chestertown Electric Light and Power Company and the Maryland Public Service Commission, the power rates of the local power company will be reduced to large power users.

The annual savings, according to former Senator Arthur Brice, member of the commission will amount to approximately $1700.

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