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JUST WHAT effect the ruling of the Comptroller's office as to the exemption of State officials from the State Income tax will have on the voting public will be reflected in a referendum to be voted on at the election next fall. Of course the average tax payer would like to think that all State employees are paid in direct proportion to the services they render and on this theory should not take any of it back. On the other hand, when an income tax exists for the purpose of raising funds for State expenses, the question arises as to what influence these State employees have in passing laws that create certain types of taxes. It would be rather shocking to think that any of the public servants of the State, as they like to call themselves, would advocate the passage of a system of taxation that their position makes them automatically exempt. Just how patient the tax paying public is will be reflected in the vote next fall. It will be remembered that the income tax to be paid within the next two months will further pinch those who are so fortunate as to have an income.

GOVERNOR O'CONOR'S broadcast Wednesday evening as to the function of the State Government during the past year was not only interesting but was something new to Marylanders. Regardless of whether or not one might agree with him as to the accomplishments, it is very pleasant to see or hear a summary of State functions in an off-State election year. The election of a Governor for Maryland is yet three years off so it certainly cannot be considered a campaign speech A little more information as to what has been accomplished and what is planned makes a more intelligent public. If one questions the wisdom of some of the plans it gives an opportunity to offer intelligent objection.

ACCORDING TO figures released Monday evening of this week by Chief Herman Blackway, of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company the total loss by fire in this town during 1939 was $1835.00, which amounts to approximately sixty cents per capita. It is interesting to note that of this amount, $1300 represented damage to one home in which the entire top part of the attic was in flames when discovered. The per capita loss in Chestertown was sixteen cents lower than that of another Eastern Shore County seat which claimed a record for the country. Regardless of whether or not it is a record it is certainly gratifying to know that in spite of the fact that most of the buildings in the town are of frame structure the fire loss is kept at a minimum. The small loss may be attributed to two major reasons, one of which is the fact that the fire prevention campaigns are receiving cooperation of the public, the other, and a very important one, is the efficent work of the local fire company. Regardless of the nature of the fire, the damage resulting is often directly dependant upon the manner in which it is handled. With plenty of water available, as it is in Chestertown, it can cause untold damage if improperly handled. Of course the main object of a fire company is to extinguish the fire but the efficiency depends upon that accomplishment with the last amount of water damage. The figures quoted above speak well of the Chestertown fire fighters. The Chief's report showed also that the number of alarms for chimney fires was greatly reduced in 1939. The cause may be that the public has become educated to the importance of keeping the chimneys of thir homes clean. If this be true it is a great accomplishment of the fire prevention campaign because the large majority of fires are caused by dirty and defective chimneys. The fire company has proved its efficiency as a fire fighting unit; a study of President Davis' report, which appears in this issue also shows its efficiency in handling public funds. The company is maintained by the tax payers and personal donors. Their money is well spent.

NEXT TUESDAY the Dunning Science Building at Washington College will be officially dedicated and class rooms and laboratories will be opened for college courses. It will afford one of the most modern science buildings for a small college in the country and students at Washington College for years to come will be the benefactors. The cost of the building, with equipment, is approximately $80,000 and its construction was made possible through the generosity of Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, of Baltimore, who gave almost the entire cost. Dr. Dunning, a native of Caroline County, is another Eastern Shoreman who has made a financial success and his liberal contribution carries on the work of former men of this section who contributed toward a fund to found a college at Chestertown more than one hundred and fifty years ago. Prior to that time a very small proportion of the population of this section had the advantages of securing an education. The need of such an institution here was emphasized by the fact that President George Washington not only contributed but served on the Board of Visitors and Governors during that early period. With the passage of time the college has grown to a point where it has the highest scholastic rating that can be given a small college. With this growth and the general progress of the country has come the demand for highly specialized education, and Washington College, through able administration and the generosity of such men as Dr. Dunning, has not ony been able to meet but has kept ahead of these demands. In these days of hard boiled business it is a little difficult to sum up just what kind of an organization is this college. It is not a corporation designed to make money for its stockholders as it has no stockholders. While the State makes a comparatively small annual contribution toward its support, this contribution is paid back each year in scholarships given Maryland students. It has not been the recipient of any of the flow of Federal funds but is a self supporting institution whose objective is education of young men and women. Donations by individuals and alumni are necessary to help in this educational work and it affords an ideal opportunity for wealthy men and women to perpetuate their name as public benefactors. Probably the most outstanding need at the college, following its present construction program, is a new dormitory to accommodate the ever increasing number of students who want a college education.

WITH ALL of the many advances made in science and engineering, nature is still the dominating factor. The Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, which supplies a livelihood to thousands of Marylanders in their man made business, is closed to the taking of seafood and to shipping. It makes man in spite of his ingenuity feel humble to the elements and realize how small be is afterall.

Old Timer Comments On Politics

Dear Mr. Editor:

I recolect as how I wrote you last year that there likely would be a candidate for Congress from every county on the Shore and from what I hear I am about fifty per cent right already and with a new candidate cropping up every week I expect my percentage to grow. Nobody seems to think that Kent will get in the struggle en I agrees with them cause those who might be candidates seems to be content with what they have got. It seems as how Mr. Ward is doing some strange politikal maneuvering up this away cause the boys say that when he was here he only went to see two politicians and that both of them was members of the Independant faction. Course I don't know it all about politicks but this early in the game it seems to me he didn't show himself to be a very smart politician, especially as during the special election everybody let him be the candidate without opposition. As I recollect back, Congressman have bucked the State Central Committee of a county before but it generally was a spanking for something that they did wrong in the past. Maybe the boys ain't been getting around or ain't been telling me all they know but if the party in power in this county has done anything to be spanked for I missed out on it. Poor politicks I calls it and way below the standard that will keep any candidate in Congress for a long time without opposition like Mr. Goldsborough. Anybody who can sew things up like he did has got to be good and unless he is good the field for candidates is going to be fertile every two years. From all I can hear about the job of U. S. Senator, the Democrats have held the candidates down to two with not much prospect of anybody else squeezing in. I near as how a number of the leaders in Kent County have got behind Mr. Bruce and from the lineup it looks like the State Administration forces are at work and have thrown their weight that way which I also said they would last fall. Now it ain't no secrete that Mr. Tydings has said he favors Mr. Radcliffe cause Mr. Radcliffe favored him at the last primary. It ain't no secrete that a good slice of the State administration forces also favored Mr. Tydings so it looks to me that maybe he made his statement and let it go at that. Time will only tell just how strong Mr. Tydings is for Mr. Radcliffe and how much work he is going to do. The way I figure it out when the show down comes voters can still be with Mr. Tydings and vote for whatever candidate they want without making him mad. As I remember in the Senate votes Mr. Tydings and Mr. Radcliffe ain't been any particular bed fellows and the lot of people who voted for Maryland's fair haired boy at the last primary favored his nerve in going against the tide for what he thought and a lot of other people thought was right. I figure it that his statement for Mr. Radcliffe was the paying of a politikal debt which in most politicks is left unpaid. Course I favored Mr. Tydings but when I go to the polls next May I won't think I have made him mad however I vote. Course I'm talking about things that ain't particularly inside my own alley which I wrote once before is all I know, but when there ain't no alley politicks going on I got to look around outside this time or I ain't got nothing to talk about cause there ain't even nobody running for Sheriff. The boys ask me whether Mr. Roosevelt is going to run again. What I say is that if he don't know how should I. If he is sure he can win he will run but if he ain't shure he has got a lot to lose.

That's all and more than I know, so goodby.

UNCLE JAKE.

BRIEF ITEMS OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST

A number of changes in the various farm programs being carried on by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with State agencies have been announced by the Secretary of Agriculture, according to information received by Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland extension service.

These changes, Dr. Symons states, are being made in order to get more conservation of soil, forestry and human resources through complete coordination of the land use and rehabilitation programs.

In making the announcement, Secretary Wallace declared that "We are making substantial progress toward conservation, yet we realize that all we have done is only a start in the right direction."

Changes in the Farm Security program include crop diversification and other conservation measures as a requisite for obtaining loans and grants of aid; help to farmers in getting farm units of more economic size and the use of grass crops in areas not suited to cultivation; and encouragement of improvement in sanitation and health porvisions in all rehabilitation programs with a view to conserving human resources.

The principal change in the AAA program is the payment of higher rates for carrying out desirable conservation practices which are not normally carried out on a large number of farms, with a decrease in rates of payment for seedings and other common conservation practices for which payments have been made in the past. Under another new provision, farmers on small farms can earn a minimum payment of $20. Any farmer can earn an additional $30 by planting a specified number of forest trees.

The Soil Conservation Service is realigning its work so as to render assistance to a still larger number of farmers.

Farm commodities to the value of more than one and a half million dollars have been bought in Maryland by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation during the last seven years in connection with its program of buying to relieve surpluses that are burdening the market. Commodities bought by the FSCC are distributed to families on relief.

This program started in this State in 1933 with the purchase of $18,000 worth of hogs. The next year, hogs, pork products and white potatoes were bought. The items included in 1935 were white potatoes, dry skimmed milk and evaporated milk. Fresh apples and dry skimmed milk constituted the purchases in 1936. In 1937 the list of commodities bought included fresh apples, white potatoes, dry skimmed milk, evaporated milk, cottonseed oil, eggs, and sweet potatoes. Commodities bought in 1938 were white potatoes, fresh apples, dry skimmed milk, sweet potatoes, fish, canned peas and white flour. Fresh apples, sweet potatoes and white flour were purchased in 1939.

In value, the commodities bought were: Hogs, $190,900; pork products, $8,600; white potatoes, $165,000; fresh apples, $190,700; dry skimmed milk, $189,000; evaporated milk, $104,100; cottonseed oil, $60,200; eggs, $44,000; sweet potatoes, $11,000; fish, $4,000; canned peas, $127,100; white flour, $62,900.

By years, the purchases amounted to $18,000 in 1933; $216,400 in 1934; $188,800 in 1935; $63,600 in 1936; $202,000 in 1937; $349,500 in 1938; and, $119,400 in 1939.

Notice To Creditors

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

SUSAN S. COMEGYS

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 13th day of July, 1940, otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 9th day of January, 1940.

PAUL COMEGYS, Executor
Edna Elliott, Register of Wills.

Notice To Creditors

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GEORGE GRAVES

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 16th day of June, 1940, 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 my hand this 12th day of December, 1939.

Jesse D. Maxwell, Executor.
Edna Elliott, Register of Wills.

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HERBERT E. PERKINS, Solicitor.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In The District Court of The United States For The District of Maryland

In the Matter of Carl Starkey, Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 17, 1939, the said Carl Starkey, of Kent County, Maryland, was duly adjudged Bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of Herbert E. Perkins in Chestertown, Maryland, on the 30th day of December, 1939, at 12 o'clock, noon, at which time the creditors of said bankrupt may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee or Trustees, examine said bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

EDWARD T. MILER, Referee,
Easton, Maryland.

N. B. Creditors should at once prove their claims before a Notary Public file same with the Referee or have them ready to file at the first meeting of Creditors.

HERBERT E. PERKINS, Solicitor.

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CHARTER NO. 13798 RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 5

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHESTERTOWN, IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 30th, 1939

(Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.)

ASSETS

Loans and discounts		$448,769.85
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed		66,259.69
Obligations of States and political subdivisions		14,000.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures		158,405.00
Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank		3,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection		156,705.03
Bank premises owned $36,000.00, furniture and fixtures	$4,919.00	40,919.00
Total Assets		$888,058.57

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		$252,393.87
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		442,315.41
Deposits of U. S. Government (including postal savings)		50,000.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		27,540.50
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)		6,977.33
Total Deposits	$779,227.11	
Total Liabilities		$779,227.11

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	8,831.46
Total Capital Accounts	$108,831.46
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	$888,058.57

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
U. S. Gov. obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to to secure deposits and other liabilities	$ 34,000.00
Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	54,263.44
Total	$ 88,263.44
Secured liabilities:	
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	$ 26,187.71
Total	$ 26,187.71

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss: I, W. R. Huey, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. R. HUEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1940.

ENNA B. LEWIS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

THOS. D. BOWERS,
P. M. BROOKS,
STEPHEN R. COLLINS,
Directors.

OFFICERS

STEPHEN R. COLLINS, President. W. R. HUEY, Cashier.
T. D. BOWERS, Vice President. R. R. WILKINS, Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

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When death visits a home, the first concern is to perform the last service to the loved one in a becoming manner. What ever is done must express all the reverance and affection that is felt at such a time. But in addition to this a further responsibility rests upon the funeral director. It is his privilege and duty to lessen as far as lies within his power, the burdens laid upon those who remain. By countless little acts of thoughtfulness he can make the way easier for them.

We consider this part of our work as important as any other. Our highest aim is to have our patrons look upon us as trusted friends, ready and anxious to render sympathetic assistance to those who remain behind.

R. R. FELLOWS,
Funeral Director.
Still Pond, Md.
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