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DEADLINE FOR INCOME TAX RETURNS MAR. 15TH

Federal And State Returns Must Be Filed

The filing of income tax returns, both Federal and State are occupying the attention of all single men and women with an income more than $1,000 and all married men and women with incomes more than $2,000 although the Federal tax starts with an income of $2,400.

Considerable confusion has been expressed with reference to the six per cent tax on un-earned income, including dividends from bonds, stocks and bank deposits. The income tax on these securities replaces the County and State security tax and makes less outlay on the past of the tax payer.

Of the receipts from the State Income Tax, one fourth of all taxes collected in Kent County will be returned to this county except where the tax-payer resides in an incorporated town in which case the one fourth return is divided equally between that town and the county. It is impossible to estimate what this return will be until the tax collection is completed.

The entire State income tax must be paid at the time of the filing the return; the Federal tax may be paid in four equal installments.

The incorporated towns in Kent County are Millington, Galena, Betterton, Rock Hall and Chestertown.

FEDERAL HAND IN BAY FISHING THREATENED

Maryland And Virginia Must Adopt Program

A group of forty bay fishermen met with the State Conservation Commission on February 29th for the purpose of discussing a long time conservation program for the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

A declaration that the Federal Government will take a hand in the Chesapeake Bay fishing industry unless the States of Maryland and Virginia get together with watermen on a long-range program of rehabilitation and conservation was voiced by speakers.

"The Government cannot afford to let us destroy the great resources of crabs, shad and other fish that come in through the capes" declared Walter G. Mapp, Virginia Commissioner of Fisheries.

$500,000 Lost Yearly

Dr. Robert A. Nesbit, of the Federal Bureau of Fisheries, said $500,000 was being lost each year through a decline in shad porduction in the bay.

"You are the group to whom we are looking to do this job," Chairman Edwin Warfield, Jr., of the Maryland commission told the fishermen. "We can't do it. We can help you with it."

He said the commission wanted to "sit around the table with you men in the industry and find out what is wrong and see what can be done to improve conditions."

Fishermen of Virginia are prepared to cooperate with Maryland watermen to develop and protect the seafood industry in the tidewater counties of both States, Mapp pointed out.

He said a program of regulation more drastic than advocated by the Virginia commission had been suggested by a committee named by watermen of his State.

Nesbit contrasted Chesapeake Bay conditions with the Hudosn river, where, he declared, more shad than ever before are being taken.

Must Permit Spawning

"The fishermen of the Hudson are required to allow enough shad to spawn. The fishermen of the Chesapeake Bay and North Carolina are not.

"The fishermen of the Hudson have learned it is more profitable to take sixty percent. of a run of 5,000,000 pounds of shad than to take ninety per cent. of a run of 100,000 pounds as they did twenty years ago. Our fishermen are now taking ninety per cent. of each year's run."

He said forty per cent. were permitted to spawn in the Hudson and fishermen would have another chance to catch them in future years.

Fishermen's Suggestions

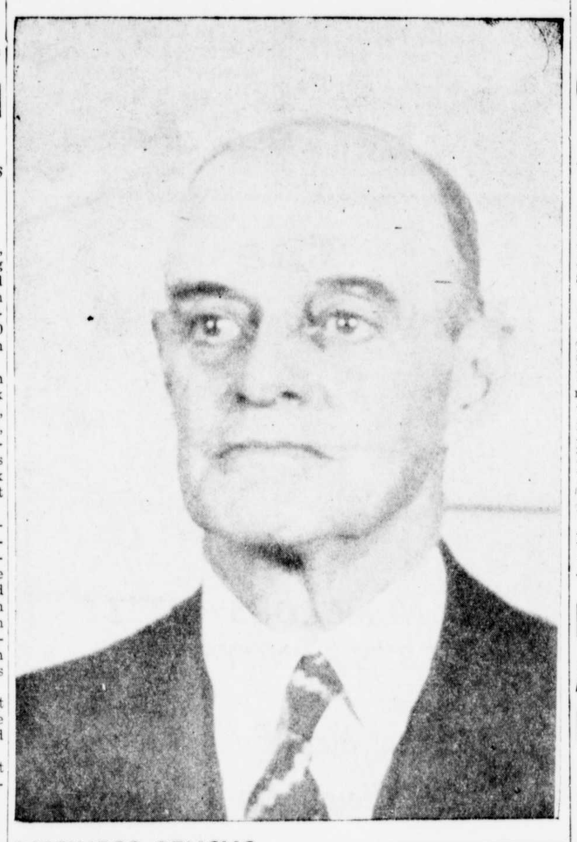
Fishermen attending the meeting also made several recommendations designed to protect shad.

They suggested that Maryland do more work on shad hatcheries; that Virginia let more roe shad through to Maryland waters; that black bass and rock be kept under control, and that seine nets of uniform mesh be used in Maryland and Virginia.

The Rise of the Nile

A rather pretty Egyptian legend tells that a drop from heaven, a tear of Isis, an ancient Egyptian goddess, falls into the Nile on a certain night of the year and causes it to rise. One of the great Nile annual festivals is the "Night of the Drop."

Named Business Enumerator for Kent



BUSINESS CENSUS NOW BEING TAKEN IN CHESTERTOWN

Edmund Pennington Is Enumerator

Mr. Edmund B. Pennington,, having been named Business Enumerator for Kent County for the 1940 Federal Census, has started work in Chestertown.

This work includes a complete census of all business as to labor employed, kind and amount of business done and material used.

The house to house census will not be started until next month and the enumeration for that work will be named later.

HYBRID CORN IS COMING TO FRONT IN MARYLAND

Considered Still In Experimental Stage

The advantages of good field corn hybrids were demonstrated to Maryland farmers last year more than ever before as a result of the relatively dry season and the wind storm that blew down such local corn last August, according to John W. Magruder, specialist in agronomy for the University of Maryland extension service.

Good corn hybrids are more productive than local varieties, Mr. Magruder states, the hybrid plants are stifer and will stand up better, the corn is sounder, and the plants are not affected as much by dry weather. Much of the open-pollinated or local corn, was blown down and tangled last year, he says, and hybrid corn, in general, was affected very little. The local corn, also, had more plants without ears, as a result of dry weather at the time of silking and pollination. The late maturing hybrids were affected most in this respect.

Hybrid corn has not been grown in Maryland long enough, Mr. Magruder says, to justify making definite recommendations. However, in comparative tests conducted under the supervision of Dr. R. G. Rothgeb by the Maryland Experiment Station some hybrids have made excellent records.

Incompliance with popular demand for information regarding hybrids that are showing superiority, a list and description of such hybrids has been prepared. A copy of this list may be secured by writing your local county agent, or the Agronomy Departmnet at College Park and asking for "Agronomy Form No. 2," entitled "Sugested Field Corn Hybrids for Farm Trial Use in Maryland—1940."

Farmers planting hybrids for the first time are advised to plant a small acreage of one or two hybrids that have been superior in State tests to determine whether they are adapted to their farms. There are many corn hybrids on the market, Mr. Magruder says, and they have extreme variation in adaptability. Unless hybrids are planted and the seed produced properly, the results may be disappointing.

THOS. JOHNSON IS CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Makes Five Candidates From Shore

The announcement this week of the candidacy of State Senator Thomas F. Johnson, of Worcester County as a candidate for Congress increases the field at the present time to five candidates for the Democratic nomination. The candidates who have announced to date are:

Roe, of Queen Annes County.
Balsch, of Talbot County.
Higgins, of Dorchester County.
Ward, of Wicomico County.
Johnson, of Worcester County.

All of these candidates are or have been members of the Maryland Senate with the exception of Mr. Balsch of Easton.

Rumor has it that there will be another Democratic candidate from Wicomico County.

COON DOG TRIALS AT CHURCH HILL APRIL 21ST

$150 Guaranteed Purse

The Queen Annes County Game Association is planning to hold coon dog field trials near Church Hill on Sunday, April 21st. The trials will start at 10 a. m. and include movice race, fox race, ladies race, and an elimination race.

The prizes include a guaranteed purse of $150.00 according to an announcement made by Mr. Ray Jarrell, secretary of the Association.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Sudlersville Girl Scouts are at it again last Saturday, February 24th was a big day. Charlotte Everett who as chairman of the entertainment committee put on an interesting program. The first thing was a song followed by a reading by Betty Truslow who told us about life among other scouts. It was international day. A game followed where questions were asked while the names of a country was pinned on one's back and by answers to questions we were able to guess the name of the country who sponsors scouts. More songs and then refreshments treats in food from foreign countries served with "trefoil" sandwiches.

May 12th will be the Girl Scouts twenty-eighth birthday when Harriett Walls will conduct the program for the day and in April, Jean Phillips wil be chairman for the Eastern Shore Scout Rally. The last, but not least of the special program will be a court-of-awards for the Sudlersville Troop No. 1 with Anna Austin, Roberts chairman for that particular day.

Peggy Truslow

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LOCAL LEGION POST TO HOLD OYSTER ROAST

All Ex-Service Men Invited

The annual spring meeting and oyster roast of the Frank M. Jarman Post No. 36, American Legion, will be held at headquarters on Cross Street next Friday evening, March 8th.

A special program has been arranged which will be followed by the oyster roast. Featured on the program will be a talk on veterans hospitalization by Colonel James E. Deadman. Colonel Deadman, now retired, will make his home at Betterton. He has had a wide experience in the management of veterans hospitals and at one time was at Fort McHenry. Matters of importance to the local post will be presented at the meeting. All ex-service men are invited.

On March 21st American Legion Posts in all parts of the country will celebrate the 21st birthday of the American Legion organization.

LONG PROPERTY AT CLIFF CITY REPORTED SOLD

Brinsfield Store At Rock Hall Also Sold

The Long property at Cliff City was reported sold this week to Mr. Robert J. Lynch, Secretary to the Board of the United States Steel Corporation.

This property contains aproximately 50 acres and has a beautiful view down the river from the Cliffs.

The sale of the Brinsfield store property at Rock Hall was also reported sold this week to Mr. Jewell Thompson of that town.

DEL-MAR-VA FIRE EXECUTIVES MET HERE LAST NIGHT

Were Guests Of Local Fire Company

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company was host last night, Friday, to the Executive Committee of the Del-Mar-Va Fireman's Association. This organization includes all fire companies on this peninsula and is a branch of the State Fireman's Association.

This is the second time that this group has been entertained by the Chestertown company. Dinner was served to the fifty guests by the Auxiliary of the Fire Company.

BOY SCOUT DRIVE FOR FUNDS IN KENT COUNTY COMPLETED

$575.00 Raised Which Exceeds County Quota

The annual drive for funds to support the Boy Scout movement on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula has been completed in Kent County according to an announcement made by Mr. W. R. Huey, chairman of the county committee. The above was completed on Monday of this week and Mr. Huey reported total collections of $575.00 which is $125 above the county budget of $450.00 and $4.40 more than collected last year.

The collections as reported by the various sectional chairman follows:

Chestertown Preston Heck	$403.00
Betterton, C. W. Jones	11.00
Still Pond, B. R. Fellows	2.25
Galena and Georgetown Harry Jarman	45.00
Kennedyville, Bruce Dukes	23.90
Millington, C. M. Melvin, Jr.	60.50
Rock Hall, Ralph Bean	29.35

Beer License Refused

The State Board of Liquor License Examiners on Friday afternoon, refused the application of Mr. James Bringman for a beer license at the location formerly occupied by the Blue Bird. The examiner stated that the application was rejected due to the location only. And in no way to any objection to Mr. Bringman himself.

Repairs Lag

Recent surveys in Wisconsin, Kansas, Georgia and Illinois indicate farm building repairs are lagging in comparison with former years.

Social Security Official Here Next Monday

Announcement is made that Mr. Norman P. Foster, Manager of the Salisbury Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be in Chestertown on Monday next, March 4, 1940.

He will be available for interview on that day at the office of the Maryland State Employment Service, 121 Court Street between the hours of 1 and 4 P. M.

WILL ORGANIZE BUSINESS GROUP AT DINNER MEETING

All Business And Professional Men Invited To Attend

A group of business men of Chestertown met on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Chestertown Business Men's Association and at the meeting a committee was appointed to arrange a dutch-treat dinner meeting for Tuesday evening, March 13th.

The meeting will be held at the Chestertown Restaurant at 6.30 p. m. and all business and professional men of Chestertown are invited to attend. Each man will pay 50c for his dinner.

The committee appointed to arrange the diner is Dr. W. H. Moyer, chairman; C. Lee Gill, Mayor Wilmer and Owen C. Smith.

The program includes special speakers.

Local Hunt Club Accepted In State Association

Folowing the application of the Middle Kent Hunt Club, as announced last week, that club has been unanimously elected a member of the Maryland Horse Show Association. Mr. Paul Steel will represent the local club at the Association meeting in Baltimore Monday. Mrs. Steel, Miss Betty Bonwill and Mr. Lester Smith have been accepted as active members.

Dublin Ambulances Busy

Ambulance men of Dublin, Ireland, declare 1937 was one of their busiest years, for they answered 3,365 calls, an average of nearly 10 a day.

DEEPENING OF CYPRESS BRANCH BEING CONSIDERED

Would Be Done By W. P. A. Labor

The Commissioners of Kent County have under consideration the deepening of Cypress Branch which has its source in Delaware and empties into Higman's Mill Pond at Millington and then into the upper reaches of Chester River.

This branch, through years of drainage, has become filled with silt, trees and underbrowth and the State of Delaware is deepening the stream to the Maryland line under a W. P. A. project. About two and a half miles of the stream flows through Kent County.

In view of the fact that the cost of the project is mostly labor and paid in W.P.A. wages, and that Delaware will continue the project to the mill pond if Kent County so desires, it is merely a question of whether the labor shall come from this county or from Delaware.

It is understood that the deepening of the ditch will afford desirable drainage in that section of the county.

BUSINESS WOMEN WILL MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

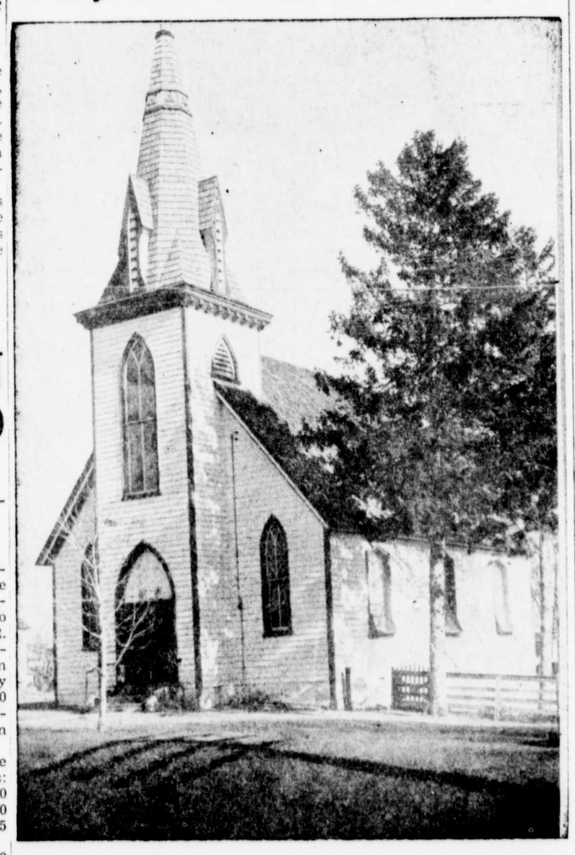
Official Of Baltimore Club To Speak

The Legislative Committee of the Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor a meeting to be held at the High School next Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

The speaker will be Mrs. W. Price Ambrose, Chairman of the Public Relations committee of the Baltimore Club will speak on the "Legal Discrimination Offecting Women of Maryland.

The public is invited to this meeting.

Presbyterian Church at Kennedyville



(This is the third of a series of articles on the history of the churches of Kent County.)

At the request of several families residing in and around Kennedyville, the Rev. E. W. Gaylord, first pastor of the Westminster Church, Georgetown, on February 23rd, 1873 began holding a regular afternoon service in the Kennedyville School House.

After these services had been held in the school house for about a year, the Presbyterians was requested to organize a church in Kennedyville. It was organized under the New Castle Presbyterian and named Grace Presbyterian Church oof Kennedyville.

The land was donated by Mr. John Kennedy, of Port Kennedy, Pennsylvania.

The building was completed in 1875 and dedicated on April 11th of that year.

The first Elders of the church were Dr. Wm. Maxwell and Mr. Robert Stewart.

The pastors from the beginning have been as follows: E. W. Gaylord (1873-1881); W. W. Reese, (1881-1886); F. W. Pitman (1887-1889); W. J. Fitz Simon (1892-1892); W. H. Stone 1894-1895); K. M. Bull (1896-1904); A. C. Jamison (1905-1906); Wm. Clews (1912-1916); B. B. Staats (1920-1925). The dates not filled in are the times when the church was functioning under a supply furnished by the Presbytery and not under a stationed pastor.

The church is located on the State Road toward Chestertown, at the south end of Kennedyville.

At present Rev. Albert Thomas, of Elkton, who has been conducting Sunday evening services at 7.30 p. m. until the winter months will soon resume these services.

By Robert Hill, II,

Triangle Club To Meet

The Triangle Club, of Christ Methodist Church will meet Tuesday evening, March 5th at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Bartley and will be entertained by Mrs. Bartley, Mrs. Martha Moyer and Mrs. Nancy Turner,

WALTER S. BRICE DIES SUDDENLY AT BETTERTON

Was Prominent Hotel Owner

Walter S. Brice, owner and manager of the Hotel Rigbie at Betterton, died suddenly at his home in Betterton Friday morning of heart trouble at the age of 66 years. He suffered a heart attack several weeks ago.

Mr. Brice was prominent in the bussness and civic life of Betterton and he will be greatly missed in that community.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Howard Brice, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Mildred Breadsley, of Seattle, Washington and Mrs. James Wilmer, of Betterton. Two brothers, Captain Harvey Brice, of Betterton and Wilbur Brice, of Virginia. Senator Arthur Brice is a nephew.

Funeral arrangements had not been made at the time of going to press.

Purnell T. Jones

Purnell Thomas Jones, aged 84 years, a life long resident and retired farmer, of Worton, died at the home of his son, Purnell O Jones, of Worton, on Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held from the Worton Methodist Church today at 2 p. m. in charge of Rev. W. F. Bauscher assisted by Rev. O. T. Baynard, interment in Still Pond cemetery.

The pall bears were: Messrs. Harper Carter, William Shriley, George T. Williams, George Berger, Maurice Jones and John Kirby.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Arabella M. Jones, he leaves seven sons, George H., of Lancaster, Pa.; Frank S., of Lynch; Purnell O., of Worton; Harry, of Phoenixville, Pa.; Samuel Medford, of Kennedyville; Phillip T. of McLain's Corner and David L., of Wilmington.

Marvin V. Williams in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Emma C. Kerr

Mrs. Emma C. Kerr, aged 31 years, wife of C. Bradley Kerr, of Rock Hall, died in St. Frances Hospital Wilmington, on Monday.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church in Rock Hall on Thursday at 2 p. m. with interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery. Rev. F. C. Louhoff in charge of the services. Marvin V. Williams, funeral director.

The following members of the lodge acted as pall bearers, Beulah Collyer, Mary Donnelly, Leona Reihl, Marie Kernan, Myrtle Davis and Mary Wood.

The deceased leaves besides her husband, one son Billy, six years old, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Davis, of Quaker Neck, four brothers, William E. Jr., Robert, Richard and Franklin Davis, and sixsisters, Mrs. Royston Walbert, of Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Wilmer Smith, Jr., of Rock Hall; Mrs. Joseph Soper of Baltimore and Misses Julian, Margaret and Elizabeth Davis.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church, Daughters of America and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Company.

Mrs. Julia A. Baxter

Mrs. Julia A. Baxter, 87 years old, died at her home in Millington on Sunday, a week after the death of her husband, James Vincent Baxter, 92. Mr. Baxter's sister, Mrs. Mollie Lang, 97, of Cambritige, died a few hours after her brother.

Mrs. Baxter was one of the oldest residents of this section, and was well-known in Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

She is survived by two sons, Norman and Edward Baxter, both of near Millington. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 o'clock, from the Southern Methodist church in Millington with the Rev. A. M. B. Sapp officiating. Interment was in the Sudlersville Cemetery, besides her husband. The Ralph H. Usilton Funeral Service, Inc., was in charge.

Hyland P. Smith, Jr.

Hyland P. Smith, Jr., age 79 years, died at his late home near Smithville Thursday evening following a lingering illness. He spent his entire life as a farmer in that section of Kent County.

He is survived by his wife, Mr. Annie O. Smith and two children, Mrs. Florence M. Haas and Mr. Harvey E. Smith, all of Kent County. Also three brothers, James Edward, George B. and Jonathan R. Smith. Two sisters, Mrs. Ella M. Dodson and Mrs. Sadie Hickman. Also eight grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Worton Methodist Church, Rev. O. T. Baynard to officiate. Interment will be in Chester cemetery.

The bearers will be: Messrs. Floyd, Edward, Clarence, and Hanson Smith, Willard E. Dodson, Jr., and Hyland P. Smith 3rd. Marvin V. Williams is in charge of funeral arrangements.