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THE EFFORT on the part of the State Conservation Commission to bring about a long term conservation program through the cooperation of the watermen and the commission promises a solution of much of the inefficiency that has existed in years past. Under the present plan the watermen of each county will be represented by a delegate to work with the commission. In this way conservation and the problems of the watermen may be worked out to a solution that will have the approval of both, and assure a successful effort to build up the seafood industry. The threatened shad industry is the most outstanding problem under consideration at this time. A suggested solution, which it is claimed has worked successfully in other States includes shorter nets, shorter season, and the establishing of spawning grounds and fish hatcheries. These four suggested plans include efforts on the part of the watermen and State alike. Whatever is the outcome of the Commission's efforts the accomplishments will depend upon the willingness to give and take.

THE STRUGGLE with the State and Federal income tax returns is still presenting a lot of headaches and the agony will continue until the deadline date of March 15th. The State tax is causing the most concern as those within the bracket have become used to the Federal returns over a period of years and accept it as a matter of course. The new State tax has many complications and some faults as is generally the result following the passage of any new tax set-up but it is interesting to note that little general interest was shown in this act when it was before the Legislature last spring. It is a true example that too few people are interestd in the working of the Legislature until after adjournment when it is too late to do anything about it. This is probably accountable by the fact that Legislators are inclined to avoid publicity which might result in too much interference with their efforts to work out State problems. Of course any new tax law to meet the cost of government is objectionable to those whom it affects but it might present a more Democratic form of government if the people are given an opportunity to know and express their opinions before the Legislation becomes law than after. There is little question but that the State income tax law will be changed as to its effect upon small unearned incomes but drastic reduction in any form of taxation must come from reduction of expenditures. This can not be done by Legislators alone but must have the cooperation of the people in fewer demands upon government. With demands for lower taxation comes also demands for improvements at government expense.

UP TO th present time every county on the Eastern Shore has a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress with the exception of Kent, Caroline and Somerset. The ballot will present a picture similar to that which listed the candidates for Sheriff in the last local primary in Kent County if all of those who have announced their intentions to run actually file. Of the present six candidates, three are at mmbers of the Maryland Senate, one is a former State Senator. Of the remaining two who are not known in State politics, one is a lawyer and the other a business man. The primary on May 6th is yet eight weeks off and almost anythnig can happen in that period of time.

THERE HAS been much indignation expressed about the seizure of mail and cargo by the British in their blockade efforts to break up trade of other nations with Germany. Whatever one's opinions may be they can not deny the fact that the seizure of these cargoes is far more desirable than sending the ships to the bottom with their noncombatant crews. The efforts of the allies to win the war without endangering the lives of innocent non-combatents is deserving of praise and should deserve a lot of in convenience of neutral countries. The policies of their enemies of dropping bombs and letting them fall where they may is against the principles of civilization as we know it in America. If there must be war let it be between the combatants who can fight back.

THE PRICE of seafood within the past few weeks, which is of great interest to a large group of people in Kent County, is a true example of supply and demand. Following the breaking up of bay ice the price of fish was up and those who made good catches received a good income for their product. As the catch increased the price dropped until it reached a low of 6 cents a pound in the Baltimore market. It may be possible that while the Baltimore market was glutted thousands of people in other parts of the east would have gladly paid a good price for Chesapeake Bay rock. With modern means of fast transportation a system of distribution may be the solution of some of the bay problems. Many sections of even the Eastern Shore may offer a market if the seafood was made more easily available.

Two More Counties Back Bruce In Race

Endorsement By Office-Holders Of Caroline County Is Followed By That Of Montgomery County Democratic Congress.

The candidacy of Howard Bruce for the Senatorial nomination enlisted further support from county leaders on the Eastern Shore last week when Democratic office-holders of Caroline County issued an endorsement, pointing out that the candidate "for a great number of years" had "consistently given freely of his time and energies as the Democratic National Committeeman for Maryland and as one of the most outstanding leaders of our party."

The Caroline County endorsement was followed by that of the Montgomery County Democratic Congress led by E. Brooke Lee of Rockville, which, with the backing of other prominent Democrats in Western Maryland, gives Mr. Bruce the support of powerful organizations in the Sixth Congressional District.

Office-holders who signed the Caroline County endorsement included the following:

W. A. Cawley, Clerk of the Court; Carleton V. West, Register of Wills; Sheriff William E. Andrews; County Treasurer Fred E. Covey; Delegates D. W. Banning and W. Edmond Neal; Harry E. Sullivan (president), H. Roland Towers and William M. Garey, County Commissioners; Chief Judge Luther W. Handy of the Orphans' Court, and Associate Judges Jesse T. Dennis and E. Lloyd Fooks. State Central Committee members who placed their names on the endorsement were J. Dewees Carter, recently appointed to the State Tax Commission; Linwood O. Jarrell, and George W. Beck.

In an address before the Federalsburg Rotary Club during his Eastern Shore visit, Mr. Bruce pointed out that we have managed to steer a course through troubled waters without changes in the fundamental form of our government and without internal or external wars.

"The three major elements of our strength are our geographical location, our Constitutional form of government, and the character of our citizens," Mr. Bruce stated.

"Geographically we are endowed with more natural resources than any nation in the world, and consequently can be more self-contained than our sister nations . . . The principles back of the Bill of Rights for the protection of minorities are the principles dominating any civilized country in its national life. It is the principle back of most of our legislation controlling business. It is the principle that labor legislation is struggling to put into effect. The lack of this guiding principle of protecting minorities is what makes governments in so many parts of this world unstable.

"In appraising the strength of character of the American citizen it has always been my feeling that the backbone of this strength was in the country people and in those living in the smaller towns. They are not carried off their feet as quickly as the city dweller. Maybe this is due to a little more opportunity to think things out. At any rate, they certainly supply a stabilizing force for this country."

Jack of All Trades

Darius L. Martin, who died at Deer Island, N. B., at the age of 91, was a jack of all trades and master of each. His diversified work included undertaking, casket-making, carpentry, cabinet-making, painting, veterinary surgery and farming. He was also a justice of the peace.

THE LINE'S BUSY

(Written Especially For The Transcript)

Lifted the receiver and listened.

There was nothing save the deep, faintly crackling void that usually identifies a free telephone line. Avidly, for I consider myself fortunate, with eleven families with which to compete, whenever I find that the line is not busy, I reached to ring the operator. My hand was just about to turn the crank when suddenly out of that dormant receiver jumped a voice

"Two cups of sugar," it said, in tones crisp and domestic.

I was both startled and dismayed. It was as much of a jolt as when scaling a supposedly expired fish, the slimy thing unexpectedly floops out of my hands. Disappointed, I held the receiver to my ear, wondering how long the inauspicious conversation would last.

"Two cups of sugar," the other voice echoed mildly. Her words seemed far away from the mouthpiece, as if she were writing them down. "Yay—us."

"Then you take your little pinch a' almond...." the crisp one dictated efficiently. I put the receiver down, sighing. These delightful amenities of the cuisine, I felt, I could afford to miss.

At the end of my cigarette, during the enjoyment of which considerable time had elapsed and still no signal for the signing-off of the conversationalists had sounded, I went to the telephone once more.

Hardly had I taken the receiver off the hook when the efficient voice seemed fairly to blast forth from it.

"Sour milk and soda!" it squawked, 'not bakin' powder. You don't put no bakin' powder."

I hung up more in self-defence from the awful noise than for any other reason, this time banging the receiver a little.

Isn't it strange that the explanation of how to bake a cake seems to take longer than the actual baking of the cake itself?

"I sat down to think it over, to try to convert my impatience into broad-mindedness and to give myself a brief mental homily on the art of tolerance, after all, party lines are all right ..... in the majority of respects. Once in a while, in fact, they prove themselves quite a blessing. For instance I knew an elderly woman who had been confined to her bed for nearly two years with some indefinable malady. Her telephone was within easy reach of her four-poster, and she listened to the thousand and one conversations, confidences, and bits of gossip that its little black receiver imparted to her just as devotedly as we listen to our radio programs. Probably that telephone did more for her than any amount of pills and remedies that a doctor could prescribe.

I went to the telephone, banged the receiver up and down once without looking, came back, and sat down again.

Resigned to a lengthly period of waiting, I went on with my soliloquy. These wet, cold days in winter when we in the country find it more comfortable to stay at home than to buck the muddy lane that leads to civilization and community living, the party-line is a very satisfactory town-crier for us farmers. It is really the only way to find out what our friends and neighbors are doing or going to do. Many a pan of side meat and frying potatoes has been left to burn itself black on the wood-stove while the house-wife stands with intent ear, warning finger uplifted, at the telephone. And I wish that Alexander Bell could see the pleasure that his invention is giving now in its role of the rural newspaper. It is something for which to be grateful. Yes, the party-line has many virtues.

It affords splendid opportunities for three-way, or four-way conversations. If a tenant calls up his landlord in town to discuss hauling some wood, he can ring another farmer in on the line to ask him for the loan of his team. This is very convenient, since the combined efforts of the tenant and the land-lord can usually levy enough pressure on the owner of the team to bring him around.

So thinking, I sat waiting, when all at once the signal came that the cake bakers had finally finished hashing the recipe. I ran to the telephone.....too late! A furious long ring told me that some other impatient neighbor had got there before me. Exasperated I turned away. By this time I had that feeling I have often experienced when standing on the curb outside the theatre, trying to procure a taxi-cab. I would hail one, watch it swerve in toward me out of the stream of traffic, see the door fling open, and run toward it—only to find that some one up ahead of me had already gotten it and was hastily pushing his family into it. Well, perhaps the next one would be mine, I would say, if one ever came. Perhaps,. I could get my call in next, if this one would ever finish.

I took up a position right next to the telephone, like a commanding officer drawing up his forces at a carefully chosen point of vantage.

Perhaps the conversation had ended and the signal had not been given. I eased the receiver off the hook and bent to listen. A masculine voice, far away and incoherent, trickled forth. I replaced the receiver.

After a few moments, in which my hand grew moist with suspense on the telephone, the bell jingled faintly.

I seized the crank and turned it jubilantly. "All things come to him who stands and waits."

I got my number and settled down with relish to the business at hand. Now I enjoyed my tenancy of the telephone line after that long wait! .....even though some neighbor's living-room clock ticking close to the mouthpiece was a little disconcerting. It was like being "King of the Mountain" for a precious moment in that old game.

And so I was a little indignant when a querulent voice cut in after a little and suggested.

"Say, would you mind finishin' up soon? You've been talkin' twenty minutes."

Administrator's Sale —OF— Valuable Real Estate

Under and by virtue of an Order passed by the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Maryland, dated the 13th day of February, 1940, the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Mollie Allen, deceased will sell at public sale in front of the Court House Door at Chestertown, Maryland, on

TUES., MARCH 12, 1940

at 11.00 A. M.

ALL that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Millington, Kent County aforesaid and described as folows, that is to say:—Beginning for the same at the intersection of the East side of Comegs Street in said Town with the North side of a 14 foot private road belonging to the heirs of Charles M. Hurtt and running thence with the said private road South 71 deg. 05 min. East (Magnetic) 112.4 feet to the line of lands of H. C. Hendrickson; then with the last named land North 18 deg. 25 min. East 40 feet to a stake; then North 71 deg. 05 min. West 112.24 feet to the East side of the said Comegys Sreet; then with the same South 18 deg. 55 min. West 40 feet to the place of beginning, containing 4,493 square feet of land. It Being the same property which was conveyed to Mollie Allen by Deed from Marie Bamberger, said Deed dated the 3rd day of May, 1929, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent County in Liber R. A. S. No. 3, Folio 285.

This property is improved by a 1 story four room frame bungalow and a wood shed in the back of the house.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-third cash on day of sale and balance to be paid upon the ratification of sale. Unpaid purchase money to bear interest. The purchaser is to pay taxes which are due and payable April 1, 1940, and is also to pay the costs of the title papers.

WILLIAM H. ALLEN,
Administrator of the Estate of
Mollie Allen.

Harrison W. Vickers, Attorney.
H. Stockton Startt, Auctioneer.

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THE SUBJECT of taxation has been much in the foreground of late. Industry and the individual alike have been called upon to do their share. Consider the distilling industry's share. In addition to a property tax running well into six figures, State taxes upon distilling industry products and the manufacture thereof totaled nearly $2,800,000 in Maryland last year. Federal taxes on distilled spirits manufactured and sold in Maryland and the District of Columbia amounted to $30,377,890. The rectification tax alone, paid by Maryland distillers, totaled $2,653,000.

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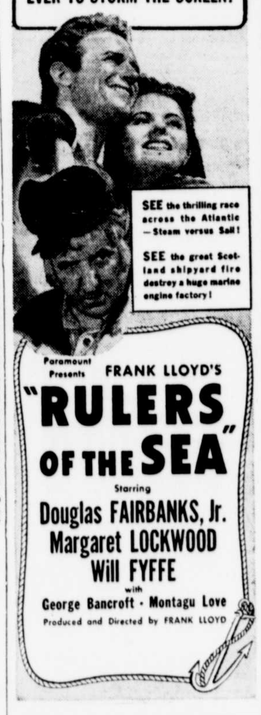

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