NEWS GATHERED ON THE PENINSULA

The Miles River Yacht Club's Regatta, generally conceded the largest on the Eastern Shore, is expected to topple all existing entry and attendance records by the time the opening gun is fired on August 1. The regatta, which draws over 1,000 boats of all sizes and descriptions and some 15,000 spectators will end August 3.

Officials of the club will hold a reception for visiting yachtsmen on Thursday, August 1 which will be followed by a dance in the pavilion of the clubhouse. Power events on the program will be run off Friday morning, and sailing races will start by classes in the afternoon.

Two famed trophies, the Miles River Trophy—for powerboats, and the Governor's Cup offered annually ot the winner in the Chesapeake Bay log canoe race, will be up for competition again this year.

An abundance of the best fishing in the country, with scores of handsome prizes to contest winners, as well as plenty of entertainment throughout the affair, will be the keynote of the fifth annual Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Association Grand Contest, which is to be held at Crisfield on August 10th and 11th, further plans for which were mapped out at a meeting of committee members nad officials of the Association in the office of Dr. C. E. Collins, one of the vice-presidents of the group, on Monday evening.

William Baker, of Elkton, formerly of Kent county, who has been in the meshes of the law on several occasions on account of his wife, upon being hailed before Trial Magistrate G. Reynolds Ash, Wednesday evening, charged with ill treating and beating Mrs. Baker, was adjudged guilty and sentenced to six months in Maryland House of Correction.

Continued scarcity of the Chesapeake Blue Crab, producer of the famous soft shell crabs and crab meat of the Eastern Shore seafood industry, is causing real hardship and economic distress in Somerset's waterside communities.

Experienced watermen said at Crisfield this week that the boats of the Tangier Sound crabbing fleet, boats of Mt. Vernon, Deals Island, Fairmount, Crisfield and Smiths Island have been tied up for weeks and that now all hope for a large migration of the crustaceans from Virginia waters is being abandoned. It was hoped earlier in the summer that the crabs would migrate up the Bay in large numbers when the waters warmed, but this hope is no longer tenable as the watermen point out the summer crab season is now all but past and with no signs or reports of an abundance of crabs anywhere in the Bay.

Damages of $3,000 are asked in a suit filed in the Wicomico County Circuit Court against Allan B. Crute, Salisbury, and the E. A. Struot Realty Agency, by Mrs. Lillian E. Barmour, New York City resident.

The declaration charges misrepresentation in the purchase of a farm at Melsons, Del., by her through Crute and the agency, and charges a conspiracy to tie up her capital with an attachment on her capital, deposited in a Salisbury bank.

Wages and hours provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act will apply to almost every canning plant effective October 1 under a new ruling by Col. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division.

Under it, the only exemption will be for canners employing 10 or less persons, and drawing their fruits and vegetables from farms in the vicinity.

Previously, the act had applied only to canners drawing produce from an area of more than ten miles and to those located in towns of more than 2,500 people. The smaller, and rural packers had been able to operate at a far smaller labor cost as a result. The change was designed to eliminate this discrimination.

The big fish are biting—and getting hooked—off Ocean City.

Harry R. Burns, Baltimore deep sea fisherman, brought in a 143-pound Allisons tuna yesterday. It was the largest of this species reported caught this year north of Cape Henry, Va.

Burns, fishing with Capt. Red Hall, displayed blistered hands after one hour and 55 minutes of fighting to "land" the big one. The tuna measured five feet, one inch in length and had a 46-inch girth.

Two other giant tuna also were hooked yesterday—but they got away. One broke the tackle on its first surge for freedom and the other was brought alongside a cruiser by Capt. Irving Mumford, only to be released when a gaff strong enough to boat the gamester could not be located.

The new Susquehanna river bridge will be opened for motor traffic next Tuesday at the latest, the State Roads Commission announced today.

Delayed since June 30, announcement of the opening of the bridge was made today when it was learned that the construction work on the roadway connecting the existing dual highway at Havre de Grace to the bridgehead is expected to be completed by Monday.

The commission pointed out that both the bridge and the roadway were scheduled for completion by June 30. The bridge was actually completed several days after that date while the delay in the roadwork has prevented opening of the bridge.

The road leading to the bridge connects the end of the existing dual highway north of Aberdeen to Ontario street in Havre de Grace.

Meanwhile, work is being pushed on the northern link of the dual highway that will connect Havre de Grace to Elkton. This section of the road will not be completed until late in the fall, according to the commission.

U. S. Vice Presidents

While it is a well-known fact that "Virginia is the birthplace of Presidents," the state has contributed only two vice presidents. New York has furnished 10 of the 32.

Crowded Cemetery

Overcrowding in the Campo Santo cemetery in Genoa, Italy, resulted in the erection of rows of marble tombs on the flat roof of its great public mausoleum.

Blank Fine Paid

A Fort Worth, Texas, corporation court received a signed blank check recently from an Arlington, Texas, woman in payment for a traffic fine. "I don't know how much it is," she wrote. "Just fill in the amount." The fine was $10.

First American Christmas

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