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Shortly the United States Courts will determine who owns and controls the air as a result of controversy over the establishing of various commercial airways and the clearing of these airways. In certain mining sections of the country it has been the custom for many years in drawing a deed for property to include the clause from "Heaven to H—, At that time no value was given to the territory from the ground up but with the development of airplane travel the air has practically become a road bed. Should it develop that a property owner has title to the air above his property, then there promises to be many complications. We can picture "No Trespassing" signs displayed on kites and aviators following snake-like trails; a special corps of Sheriffs and State Police flying about to see that the rights of property owners are not infringed upon; condemnations proceedings and large prices paid for right of ways through the air; law suits where damages are claimed for somebody's air trespassing on someone's property and blowing down a barn or destroying a tree; fumes from someone's chimney contaminating a neighbor's air; new legal departments especializing in air law; etc., etc. On the other hand the results may become so interesting that they will divert the attention from the troubles of the world.

The proposed almshouse bill was discussed at a meeting in Annapolis on Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting, which was called by the Legislative Council, was to receive the report of the Almshouse Commission and hear the opinions of the various County Commissioners as to the desirability of the bill. The meeting brought to light the fact that the proposal of the Commission was misunderstood by the various County Commissioners and instead of eliminating altogehter the almshouses in the various counties it would provide institutions for inmates who are cronically ill and need care that the present Almshouses cannot efficiently administer. Many of the Western Shore Counties expressed satisfaction as to their present almshouse system and opposed any change. Most of the Eastern Shore Commissioners, however, expressed approval to the plan but were under the impression that it should eliminate the present almshouse. The Commissioners of Kent County opposed the plan as it was presented on the basis that if only the chronically ill could be sent to the Shore institution, they would still have to maintain an almshouse for those inmates who are not chronically ill and pay 75 cents a day to the Shore Institution for those who are. This would require the continuance of the present setup and add considerable additional expense to the county. As long as twelve years ago the Commissioners of Kent County inauguarted a move to establish an Eastern Shore almshouse to replace the almshouses in the various counties. They even went so far as to offer the local almshouse farm to the State for the purpose. We believe that if the bill can be drafted so as to eliminate th emaintenance of the county almshouses and at the same time afford more comfortable quarters and better medical care it will meet approval more readily. As the Commsision has outlined the proposal it practically amounts to the establishing of additional public institutions without eliminating the cost of maintaining the present inadequate County homes.

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For the past three weeks the screams of the unusual creature have sent shivers down the spines of little folks and grown-ups too. Meanwhile normally courageous dogs have steadfastly avoided the cat.

Some time ago colored men employed on Mr. John Joesting's farm caught glimpses of the big cat, but were unable to get close to it. Its appearance and screams, however, gave them a hearty respect for the animal.

Last week, Joe Brooks, colored, saw the cat dash across a field and scramble up a tree. He promptly procured a gun and his dogs and after taking careful aim fired. The cat, badly wounded, came down the tree head first and with its enormous claws and teeth set upon the surrounding dogs fearlessly. However, it was outmatched and was finally dispatched.

The carcass is about three times the size of a normal cat, with dark gray stripes. No one thus far has been able to definitely identify the specimen but all agree that it would make a formidable enemy for either man or beast.

According to an address by Chairman of the State Roads Commission Mr. Whitman at a meeting of the Havre de Grace Chamber of Commerce last week, a movement has been started to reduce the toll over the Susquehanna bridge for Harford and Cecil county residents.

The War Department has instructed the State Roads Commission that the old bridge will not be necessary for National defense and it is understood that the bridge will be demolished in the near future.

Some of the older residents of Rising Sun should begin to feel young again with the announcement that old-time kerosene street lamps are to be placed on Cherry street and residents of the town fell that "Time is marching backward" for them. The lighting system will be "at least as good as it was 50 years ago," some say.

The new $153,000 wing of the Peninsula General Hospital will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year according to Brady J. Dayton, superintendent of the institution.

The City of Salisbury will turn its airport survey data over to the CAA as soon as work on the project at the present airport on Zion road is completed by the city engineering department.

In presenting the survey to the federal agency, the local committee will recommend that the Zion road field be considered as a possible sit in the government's proposed $40,000,000 airport expansion program in connection with National Defense.

Salisbury would become the headquarters of Maryland State Police on the entire Eastern Shore under an expansion program being sought by Col. Beverly Ober, superintendent.

The plan is part of a two-year gradual expansion of the force to a maximum of 350 men throughout the state at a cost of $1,500,000 in 1942 and $1,400,00 in 1943 proposed yesterday in the legislative council by Col. Ober.

The nine shore counties would be policed by "Troop D" and headquarters personnel would include one lieutenant, a bureau of criminal investigation with one detective sergeant, a detective corporal and a trooper first class, a radio sergeant and a mechanic.

The entire area under the plan is dviided inot tw obarracks, one here and one at Easton, each having their own radio equipment. Personnel would be first sergeant as commander, a sergeant as assistant commander, two clerks and a cook for each barracks.

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