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BILL WOULD HALT BEER SALES IN KENT ON SUNDAY

Introduced In Senate This Week

Senator Arthur H. Brice introduced a bill in the Senate this week which would prevent the sale of any alcoholic bevergae in Kent County on Sunday effective June 1, 1941. The only exception ni the bill is Class F. licenses which is for drug stores.

Previous to the introduction of this bill, similar bills had been introduced at this session of the Legislature for every county on the Eastern Shore that are not already closed on Sunday. Organizations in Kent County who favor the bill have been very active and numerous delegations from this county have been to Annapolis at this session urging its introduction. The bill does not have a referendum although like all bills a referendum can be forced by a petition signed by 500 voters and presented within 60 days of the passage of the bill. It is the belief that with alcoholic beverage sale on Sunday prohibited in all of the Eastern Shore Counties and also in Delaware and Pennsylvania, a bad condition may result if Kent County alone remained open. It is understood that a number of beer dealers favor the passage of the bill while those in sections catering to Sunday recreation crowds are opposed to it.

Should a petition be signed requiring a referendum, it would be voted on at the general election in November 1943 and the bill would then not become effective until that time.

TRAIN DERAILED THIS MONDAY AT KENNEDYVILLE

Wrecking Train From Wilmington Clears Track

The local train bound for Chestertown was derailed Monday morning at Kennedyville. The train was made up of nine cars and the engine. A coal car and two box cars were ahead of the engine and six cars including the mail and passanger car were behind the engine. The three cars ahead and the engine were derailed. The trainmen and the local maintenance crew managed to get the engine and one car back on the track.

The wreck happened south of the public road. There is a double track and the wrecking train was able to come in on the other track and right the rest of the train.

Supervisors, inspectors, etc., from all over the district as well a many Kent County spectators were on the scene. The hard-boiled boss of the wrecking train, showed the spectators a sample of how men can be made to work and he was about as hard-boiled as this writer has ever seen.

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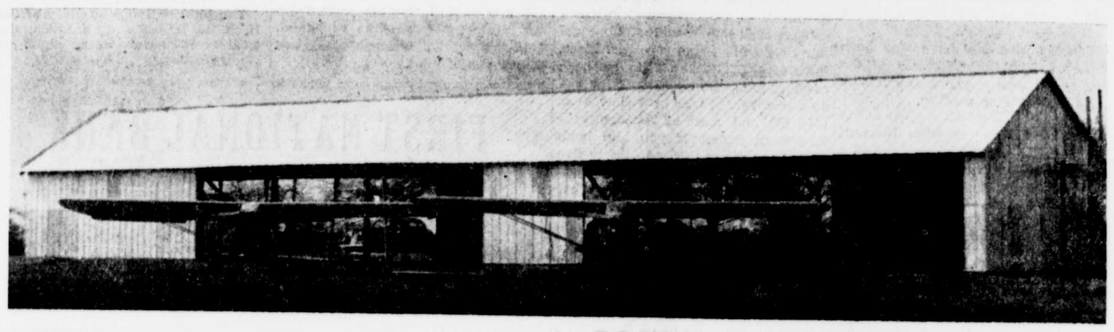
TOLCHESTER CO. PROPOSES ROUTE TO BAY SHORE

Ask State Aid Of $25,000 Per Year

Officials of the Tolchester Company were in Chestertown on Wednesday in the interest of establishing a fast ferry service from Tolchester to Bay Shore. The officials stated that the company has purchased the ferry boat "Howard Jackson" to be used on the route which would be a run of less than an hour allowing at least four round trips a day. Their proposal is for the company to establish a pier at Bay Shore, using the pier formerly used by the Rock Hall ferry do necessary dredging, furnish the ferry boat and make alterations to the Tolchester pier. They request the State to grant a subsidy of $25,000 a year for the next two years, build a road to the pier at Bay Shore and alter the approach to the Tolchester pier. A number of Chestertown business men signed their petition. The Tolchester Company is now receiving a subsidy of $10,000 a year.

AIR PLANE HANGER NEARLY COMPLETED AT ROCK HALL AIR FIELD



SENATE PASSES BILL TO DO AWAY WITH REAL ESTATE TAX

Introduced By Senator Roe—Favored By Governor O'Conor

A bill, introduced by Senator Dudley Roe in the State Senate, to eliminate State taxes on real estate, passed the Senate on Tuesday of this week 20 to 8. As this bill is an amendment to the State Constitution it will have to be voted on at the next general election in 1943 if it should pass the House and be signed by the Governor.

There is little question as to the Governor's attitude as evidenced by the following statement by him:

"In pursuance of the hope expressed by me several days ago, that ultimately the bonded indebtedness of the State might be wiped out entirely, which would permit elimination of the State tax on Real Estate, I have gone into the question ot ascertain facts relative to such levies throughout the country.

"According to information at hand, eighteen states levy on Real Estate Tax, while six others have a relatively small tax. The eighteen with no Real Estate Tax are: Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Vermont, Arkansas, Ohio, Florida, Oregon, Massachusetts, Illinois, Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, California, Iowa and Michigan. Florida was added to this list only in the past November by the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment against Real Estate levies.

"Among the six states which levy only a small tax, the assessment runs as low as 1-10 of 1 mill per $1000 in Wisconsin; South Dakota has .12 mills per $1000; West Virginia 1c per $100; Kentucky 50c per $1000 of assessed value; Washington 3 mills per $1.00 for schools; and Tennessee 8c per $100 for special purposes.

"Striving for complete refunding of the outstanding bonds is not only a highly desirable goal in itself because it would eliminate the high service costs at present borne, but of even greater importance to Baltimore City and the various counties, it would leave this source of taxation solely in the hands of these sub-divisions.

"I can see no upsetting of the present balance of taxation if such a goal is attained, because all owners of real estate, like all the other citizens of our State, will be called upon to pay whatever other taxes are found necessary for the conduct of the State and its efficient administration."

As stated by Senator Roe all of the State Real Estate tax goes to pay bonded debt and interest on bonds. Senator Roe's bill would forbid the issuance of any further bond issues after January 1, 1943, which are a lien on real estate.

The bill provides:

"That from and after January the first, nineteen hundred and forty-three, no taxes shall be levied upon real estate or tangible personal property for the support of the State Government, or to pay the principal or the interest on any State debt except such debts as may be outstanding and unpaid on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-three."

It is stated in the "under the outstanding leadership of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, the bonded indebtedness of the State will be reduced, during his present term from approximately $48,000,000 to approximately $33,000,000."

KENTS LARGEST DRAFT CALL TO LEAVE MARCH 26

Sixteen Men Include 7 White And 9 Colored

Kent County's largest consignment of men for compulsary military training will leave Chestertown on Wednesday, March 26th. The group will include 16 men, seven white and nine colored and upon arrival at the center in Baltimore, will undergo a thorough physical examination. Of the men who have already been sent from this county, about twenty-five percent have been rejected at the Baltimore center due to physical disability.

It is interesting to know that the highest order number among the list who will leave on the 26th is 356. This means that in order to send 14 white men for training it has been necessary to use 356 names. At this proportion the entire registration in Kent County will make available only about 60 white men. This is partly due to enlistments into the National Guard and other services. All married men have been deferred.

The list of those who will leave on March 26th with their order number following is:

White

Julian Woodall, Galena—43.
Wm. Harrison Waddell, Chestertown—57.
Cecil L. Fisher, Chestertown—297.
Marion Sewell, Pr., Rock Hall—327
Raymond Corey Jones, Fairlee—342.
William Dailey LeCates, Galena—344.
John F. Vigna, Chestertown—356.

Colored

Norman Walker, Massey—104.
James Reed, Chestertown—109.
Joseph Pollard, Millington—126.
Julian G. Briscoe, Galena—127.
George W. Graves, Chestertown—135.
Jefferson Cottman, Chestertown—139.
Elliott Humphey, Rock Hall—144.
James H. Waters, Massey—161.
Leroy T. Wilson, Millington—162.

5 County Legion Group To Meet Here March 19

The Northern Eastern Shore District comprising Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties will have a rehabilitation meeting in the Court House, Chestertown on Wednesday, March 19th, at 8 P. M. All exservice men, Auxiliaries, and public in general are invited to attend.

Hour of Broadcast Changed

Due to a special broadcast for the American Legion Sunday morning the hour of "News of the week from Chestertown, Maryland," will be changed this Sunday from 12:35 to 2.05 P. M. This change is for March 16th only. Tune in WFBR at 2.05 P. M. this Sunday.

Kent Estate Reported Sold

Although unconfirmed reports this week stated that Mr. W. Clark Grieb has sold an important place in Kent county to an internationally known polo player. The report did not state the name of the place or the purchaser.

POPULATION ON FARMS IN STATE INCREASED

According to official census reports as of the National Census in 1940, there are 6165 more people living on farms than there were in 1930. The total figures are 236,172 farm residents in 1930 and 242,337 in 1930 which shows a 2.6 per cent increase. The figures show that there are 498,556 people living in rural areas of the State who are not living on farms which is an 18.6 percent increase over 1930.

ROCK HALL FYLING CLUB TO HAVE NEW AIR FIELD

Joe Williams and Clifton Simms with the Club's training Plane. They passed the physical examination this week.

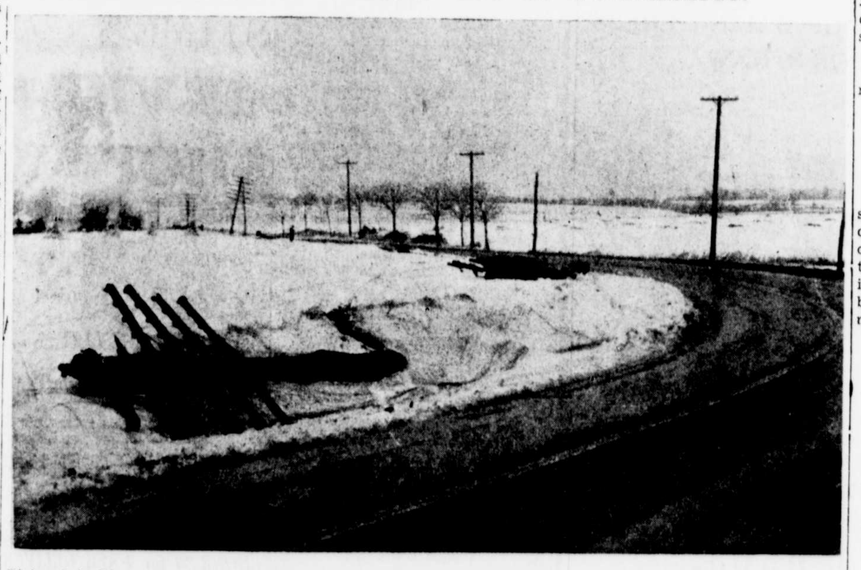
The Rock Hall Flying Club has been in existance for nearly a year although as yet it has no president, secretary or treasurer. A group interested in flying last summer hired an instructor and plane. They took lessons and have several hours to their credit. Tommy Wilson completed his instruction and has now enlisted in the Air Force.

The hanger and field are the property of Dr. Temple Fey who has a plane of his own and expects to make his visits ot the Eastern Shore by plane.

The club has now purchased its own plane which will greatly reduce the cost of instruction. They purchased the plane from Mr. Ralph McGinnis who has purchased a new cruising plane. (The two planes are in the picture above).

Membership in the club is now open and anyone interested is invited to get in touch with either Joseph Williams or Clifton Simms at Rock Hall. Among those interested so far are Clifton Simms, Joseph Williams, Pete Rehil who is making solo flights, Franklin Wood and Betty Lussier who is taking instruction at University of Maryland, where she is a student.

STORM PUTS 600 PHONES OUT OF COMMISSION



Pictured is Dixon Curve near Chestertown which was the worse break in telephone communication in this area. Eight poles each with 6 cross arms went down. Included were the main trunks out of Chestertown north.

One of the worse storms in recent years, as far as telephone communications were concerned, visited Kent County early Saturday morning of last week when the snow storm turned to sleet and broke down 125 poles between Stevensville and Chesapeake City. 600 telephones were put out of commission including the trunk lines to Rock Hall, Galena, Still Pond, Sudlersville, Church Hill, Cecilton and Chesapeake City. The trunk line to Millington did not go out. On the Chestertown-Rock Hall line, 20 poles were down and the line was out for 12 hours.

In order to cope with the situation, 40 linesmen were rushed here all the way from Cambridge to Bel Air and they succeeded in getting all trunk lines between exchanges working by Sunday night. The repair work was directed by Mr. E. O. Hepding, district plant manager, who was assisted by Mr. R. F. DeButts, district communications manager from the Salisbury office and Mr. J. R. Shecells, of the Baltimore office.

Chest Clinic Here Monday

Maryland T. B. Assocaition is now holding Chest Clinic at Health Department, Chestertown, Maryland, the 3rd Monday of each month. Next clinic will be held on March 17, 1941.

Dr. Paul Cohen, Supt. of Eastern Shore Sanitorium, conducts the clinics in Kent County.

Europe's Largest Garage

Paradoxically, Venice whose highways are canals, has the largest auto garage in Europe, having a capacity for 2,500 cars. They are the cars of all the folks who come to the resort in them, but who cannot use them until they are ready to leave again.

Hospital Report For February

The following is the report of the Kent nad Queen Anne's hospital for the month of February:

29 full pay patients during month
13 free patients during month

42 total patients during month.
221 days' board for full pay patients
145 days' board for free patients

366 total day's board for patients
196 day's board furnished to employees.

PLANS FOR TER-CENTENARY OF KENT COUNTY BEING MADE

Founded As A County In 1642 On Isle Of Kent

Plans for the ter-centennial celebration of Kent County are being made by the Historical Society of Kent County. It is planned to hold the celebration during the latter part of July 1942. A word or two of history may be opportune.

In the earliest days all of the Western Shore was known as the "Isle of St. Mary's", and the entire Eastern Shore as the "Isle of Kent". During the first years of the history of the Province the seat of government on the Eastern Shore was on Kent Island and this was known as a "Hundred" of St. Mary's. The Isle of Kent was not a county at first according to the Maryland Archives but was, the records state, "to remain a Hundred of St. Mary's until such time, as a County should be erected on the Eastern Shore and no longer."

In 1642 Giles Brent was named as a commander of the Isle and County of Kent. The authorities agreed that this was the first mention of a County. It is this event of the erection of Kent County which included all the Eastern Shore which will be celebrated in 1942.

Seldom if ever has any one section of the United States contained so many names famous in our history as this Eastern Shore. A few whom we delight to honor are Commodore Stephen Decatur, Roger Brooke Taney, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court for twenty-eight years, Andrew Hamilton, famous for his defense of Peter Zenger in the New York fight, for the freedom of the press, Gen. John Cadwalader, Lambert Wickes, Thomas Ringgold, Judge James Alfred Pearce, both father and son and many others.

Since Kent is the oldest County it may be looked upon by the other Eastern Shore Counties as the Mother County. With this in mind it is the earnest hope of the Historical Society that all the counties of the Eastern Shore will take an active part in this celebration. Their cooperation and advice are earnestly desired that we may make this celebration of the three hundredth birthday of our mother county Kent a memorable one.

One of the plans suggested is to have an impressive procession with a series of floats depicting the history of the Eastern Shroe past and present, with a mass meeting on the Washington College Campus, music from the Bands of the Eastern Shore and a well known speaker.

A memorial has been planned to honor the men who threw the tea over board from the English ship the Geddes on May 13, 1775. Chestertown had a "tea party" of its own and this will be commemorated at this time.

The Society has appointed the following committee to have charge and this will be increased as need arises. Any suggestions will be gladly received by this committee which consists of:

Dr. Esther M. Dole, Chairman
Mr. Walter B. Harirs, Jr., ex-officio member.
Mr. Marion de Kalb Smith, Jr.
Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks,
Mr. Simon W. Westcott
Mrs. Clara S. Solandt, Secretary.
Mr. Robert Swain, Jr.

Invitations to participate will be sent to the societies of the various counties of the Eastern Shore. Any others who would be willing to participate will be very welcome and it is urged that they notify any member of the committee of their willingness to do so.

List of Organizations:
Maryland Publicity Commission.
County Commissioners.
Rotary Clubs.
Lions Clubs
Boy Scouts.
Girl Scouts
Public Schools.
Higher Schools and Colleges.
Newspapers.
Business and Professional Women.
Garden Clubs.
D. A. R. Chapters.
Women's Clubs.
Extension Service organizations.
Business firms.
Hospitals.
The Dickens Club.
Country Clubs.
The Fraternal Organizations.
The Fire Companies.
The American Legion.
Horse Show Organizations.
Eastern Shore Societies.
The Churches of the Eastern Shore

JURORS DRAWN FOR OCTOBER TERM OF COURT

Court Convenes April 21st

Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins, this week, drew the Jurors from the various Districts of Kent County. Prospects are for a short Court term.

The list of Jurors is as follows:

First District
Robert N. Bramble,
S. Herman McCauley
Andrew Wilson
R. Bradford Johnson
J. Frank Shanhan
A .Lindell Beaston
Paul Comegys
George C. Johnston

Second District
Robert S. Wallis
William F. Stoops, Jr.
Elwin Ford
Roland M. Comly
WilliamB. Dukes
Edgar D. Lusby
S. Hill Beaston
William J. Hepbron

Third Distrcit
Arthur L. Harris
Hope Dill
Sewell J. Lee
Harvey Brice
Clarence Newsome
Jesse D. Maxwell

Fourth District
Clinton C. Jones
Thomas D. Bowers
Robert Moffett
George N. Cooper
Samuel J. Massey
Harry W. Fallowfield
Everett S. Lambden
Percy M. Meeks

Fifth District
George E. Leary
John C. Willson
Walter H. Hadaway, Jr.
Harry Essenwein
Gilbert L. Ashley
Preston J. Shallcross
Frank O. Puppe
J. Ernest Willson

Sixth District
George W. Wheat
William L. Shriley
C. Romie Skirven
L. Chaplin Willis
Carroll K .Dulin

Seventh District
Edward A. Hurd
Roger B. Harris
Bert E. Wallace
Richard H. Collins
W. Dorsey Hines

14 Births In Kent

According to a report from the State Board of Health, there were 19 children born in Kent County during the month of January of which 14 were white and 5 colored. There were no infant deaths during the month.

The report states that deaths in the county during January numbered 18 of which 14 were white and 4 colored.