MRS. SALLIE E. DAVIS SUCCUMBS.

Mrs. Sallie E. Davis, seventy-eight, widow of William Davis, died at her home near Woodstock from infirmities of age.

She is survived by three daughters (Mrs. Louise Brown and Misses Helen and Mary Davis) and three sons (Thomas E., Richard and William F. Davis). Funeral services were held at St. Alphonsus' Catholic Church. Burial was in Loudon Park Cemetery.

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PIKESVILLE FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department held its annual carnival Defense Day on the grounds of the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home.

Athletic events included a tug-of-war, 80-yard dash, 320-yard shuttle relay, three-legged race, broad jump and shotput. A loving cup was given the company scoring the most points. Ribbons for first, second and third places were awarded individual winners.

The Rosewood State Training School furnished music in the afternoon and in the evening the McDonogh School Band gave a concert. There was dancing at night.

Henry F. Davis was chairman of the committee. He was assisted by Joseph Caughy, P. G. Zimmer, president of the fire company, and Basil Sollers, captain, also helped. Mrs. Henry G. Berryman was chairman of the supper table.

The following also served on the committees: Mrs. C. E. Stansbury, Mrs. H. L. Warner, C. E. Crusey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Claautice, Mrs. John Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith, Miss Evelyn Babylon, Miss Marguerite Caughy, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Traeger, John Clark, Glen Watts, Albert Watts, Earl Brooks, Clayton Purcell, Clarence Purcell, Miss Bernice Cox, Mrs. William Simons, Frank Schuster, Frank Adams, Theodore Phillips, Russell Gill, Webster Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. John Keyes, Mrs. Mary E. Belt and Mrs. C. E. Childs.

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PARKVILLE TO HAVE BANK.

Articles of incorporation of the Parkville Bank were filed in the Clerk's office at Towson. The incorporators are Paul W. Beermann, Richard Williams and Alva P. Weaver of Baltimore city, and Arthur M. Bacon and J. Purdum Wright, of Baltimore county. The amount of capital stock authorized is $25,000 divided into 2500 shares of the par value of I10 each.

Parkville is located on the Harford road at its intersection with Taylor avenue, and the village is said to contain more than one thousand inhabitants.

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COON NEVER EATS MEAT WITHOUT WASHING IT.

In Germany the coon is called Waschbaer, in reference to his curious fixed habit of sousing his food in water before eating it. The coon gathers much of his food in shallow water, such as frogs, crawfish, stranded fish, and probably clams, and this information will be welcomed by coon hunters in Baltimore county.

Very likely he acquired the habit of rinsing the mud and sand off his aquatic prey before he ate it. This habit has become so fixed that a capative coon will souse a piece of meat, whether the meat needs washing or not, writes D. Lange, in the Dearborn Independent.

Esseepan, as the Chippewa Indians call him, is not a very profound winter sleeper. In the South he is active all winter, and in this latitude his tracks may be found on the snow in March or on the mud along river banks and the lake shores long before the ice has melted on the lakes.

The animals are naturally nocturnal, and are seldom seen in the daytime, and this habit has undoubtedly contributed to the preservation of the species. Coons are still fofund over the larger part of the United States and Mexico, but they are dwellers of the forest and cannot live where there are no trees.

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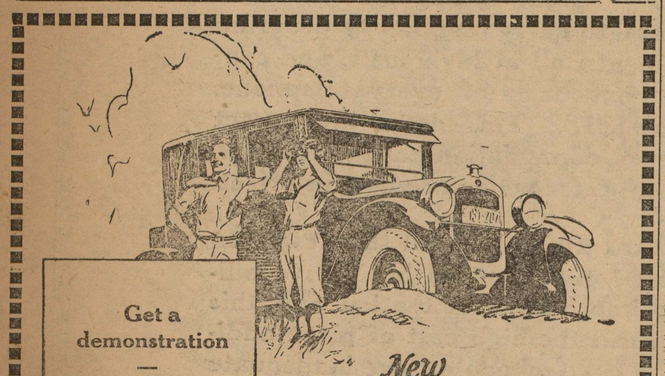
FLAMES WRECK AUTO WHEN ENGINE BACKFIRES.

A large touring car owned by Albert Cohen of Chestertown, Md., was destroyed by fire on De Veres lane, near Catonsville, when the engine backfired. The Catonsville fire engine company was called.



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Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION.

Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the State, 1924.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1924, two Acts were passed, to wit: Chapter 177 proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorney," subtitle "The State's Attorneys." regulating the compensation and the expenses of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City and that of his deputy and assistants; and Chapter 327 proposing an amendment to Section 34 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," for the purpose of permitting the State to pledge its credit for the raising of such funds as may be needed for the aid or compensation of those citizens of the State who during the time of war have, with honor, served their country and State, and which said Chapters 177 and 327 are in the words and figures following:

CHAPTER 77.

AN ACT to propose an amenment to Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorneys," sub-title "The State's Attorney," regulating the compensation and the expenses of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City and that of his deputy and assistants, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring, that the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 9 of Article V, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorneys," subtitle "The State's Attorneys," of the Constitution of Maryland, the same if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution.

SEC. 9. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions or salary, not exceeding three thousand dollars, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; and if any State's Attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than such as is or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office; provided, that the State's Attorney for Baltimore City shall have the power to appoint a Deputy and such other Assistants as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize or approve and until otherwise provided by the General Assembly, the said State's Attorney, Deputy and Assistants shall receive the following annual salaries: State's Attorney, seven thousand five hundred dollars; Deputy State's Attorney, five thousand dollars; Assistant State's Attorney, four thousand dollars each, said salaries, or such salaries as the General Assembly may subsequently provide, and such expense for conducting the office of the State's Attorney as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize or approve shall be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the extent that the total of them exceeds the fees of his office, or as the General Assembly shall otherwise provide, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not be liable for appearance fees to the State's Attorney.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall at the next ensuing general election for members of Congress, to be held in this State on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection in conformity with the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at the said election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 327.

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," for the purpose of permitting the State to pledge its credit for the raising of such funds as may be needed for the aid or compensation of those citizens of the State who during the time of war have, with honor, served their country and State, and providing for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), Taat the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

34. No debt shall be hereafter contracted by the General Assembly unless such debt shall be authorized by a law providing for the collection of an annual tax or taxes sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same; and the taxes laid for this purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any other object until the said debt and interest thereon shall be fully discharged. The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned

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to, or in aid of any individual association or corporation; nor shall the General Assembly have the power in any mode to involve the State in the construction of the works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto which shall involve the faith or credit of the State; nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the construction of works of internal improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which have had no direct advantage from such works as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. And they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax, now levied, or which may hereafter be levied, to pay off the public debt (or) to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may, without laying a tax, borrow an amount never to exceed fifty thousand dollars to meet temporary deficiencies in the Treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defence of the State. And provided further that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the raising of funds for the porpose of aid'ng or compensating in such manner or way as the General Assembly of the State shall deem proper, those citizens of the State who have served, with honor, their country and State in time of war; provided, however, that such action of the General Assembly shall be effective only when submitted to and approved by a vote of the people of the State at the General Election next following the enactment of such legislation.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall, at the next general election for members of Congress held in this State, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot, there shall be printed the following synopsis of said amendment under the caption of "Constitutional Amendment Providing For Aid Or Adjusted Compensation To War Veterans." This amendment removes the prohibition now in the State Constitution which prevents the State from pledging its credit for the raising of monies which could be used for the aid or as adjusted compensation to those citizens of the State who, with honor, served their country or State in time of war; and upon each ballot there shall also be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

Approved April 9, 1924.

Now, Therefore, I, Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapters 177 and 327 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1924, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the general election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday the 4th day of November, 1924, at which election the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis, this 15th day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

The Great Seal of the State of Maryland.

ALBERT C. RITCHIE,
By the Governor:
E. BROOKE LEE,
Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER 299

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration," said new section to be known as Section 17½ and to follow immediately after Section 17 of said Article, removing the requirement that female applicants for registration state their exact age and providing that such applicants shall be required to state whether or not they are at least 21 years of age.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and is hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration," said new section to be known as Section 17½, to follow immediately after Section 17 of said Article, and to read as follows:

17½. A female applicant for registration as a voter shall not be required to state her exact age, but it shall be sufficient for said applicant to state, in answer to any and all questions relating to her age, that she will be at least 21 years of age on the regular election day next succeeding the day of registration, and entry shall be made accordingly under the column "Age" of the registry books, anything in Section 17 of this Article or in any other section of this Article to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 340

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81 and 82 of Article 39 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title, "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title "Trout and other Fish," and to further protect the fresh water fish or fishes of this State and to provide adequate legislation for protection and propagation of fresh water fish or fishes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81 and 82 of Article 39 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title, "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title, "Trout and other Fish," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows, and to add a new section to be known as 82A.

72. The term Game or Fresh Water Fish or Fishes shall include the following fish or fishes: Charrs, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout or any other species of the Salmon and Trout Family except Equeteague, Small-mouth Bass, Large-mouth Bass also called Straw Bass, Green or Oswego Bass, Crappie, Grass or Calico Bass; Rock Bass otherwise known as Red-eye or Goggle-eye, and all other species or varieties of fresh water fishes, commonly known as bass (except stroped bass or rock fish, Fall-Fish, Bluegill, or Blumebream, and all other species of fresh water fishes, commonly called subfish, pike or pickerel, Pike Perch, otherwise known as Susquehanna Salmon or Wall-eyed Pike; Green or Jack Pike. The term, "bait fish" shall include all foms of minnows (except Fallfish), and stone Cat Fish, sometimes called "Mad Toms."

The term "Food Fish" includes all species or varieties of fish whatsoever within the waters of this State not included in the game or fresh water fishes or bait fish.

73. No person or persons shall take catch, kill, fish or fish for any Brook Trout, Brown Trout or Rainbow Trout or any other species of the Salmon or Trout Family (except Equeteague) within the waters of the State of Maryland above a point where the tide ebbs and flows between the first day of July and the first day of April thereafter, both dates inclusive, nor any Small-mouth or Large-mouth Bass or any other species of game or fresh water fishes mentioned in this Act between the first day of December and the first day of July, both dates inclusive, and then only by means of rod, hook and line. No person or persons shall take, catch, kill, fish or fish for, any of the fish or fishes herein named at any time in any of the waters of this State above a point where the tide ebbs and flows with any kind of seine or net, stir net, drag net, gig or gig iron, fish baskets or fish pots, eel weirs, brush or fascine nets, or by any means or contrivance in the nature of a seine or net or trap, which are in use at present or may be devised hereafter, except bait fish may be taken by use of a dip or landing net or seine not over six feet in length nor greater than three feet in depth.

74. No person shall place in any fresh water stream, lake or pond, without the consent of the owner, or in the waters and estuaries with the rivers debouching into them, any lime or other deleterious substance, with the intent thereby to poison or catch fish, under a penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

75. Whenever any person who owns, controls or erects an artificial pond upon his own land, or land of which he is in legal possession, shall put therein any fish or the ggs or spawn of fish for the purpose of breeding and cultivating fish, and shall give notice thereof either in one or more newspapers of the County, or by written or printed handbills put up in public places near said pond, any person who thereafter enter upon such premises, without the consent of the owner, for the purpose of fishing, or shall catch in said pond or ponds, and take therefrom any fish, shall be guilty of a trespass, and, in addition thereto, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace in this State shall be fined not less than Twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or more than One Hundred Dollars [$100), for each and every offense, and shall stand committed to the County Jail or Baltimore City Jail until such fine and costs are paid.

76. Any person or company engaged in the increase of Brook Trout by artificial process (known as fish culture) may take from his or their pond or ponds in any way, and cause to be transported and may sell any Brook Trout and the spawn of Brook Trout at any time; and common carriers may transport them, and dealers, may sell them on condition that the packages thereof so transported are accompanied by a certificate from a Justice of the Peace, certifying that such trout are sent by the owners or agents or parties so engaged in fish culture; and such person or company may take in any way and at any time, upon the premises of any person, under permission of the owners thereof, brook-trout to be kept and used for artificial propagation only, and for no other purpose. Permits for propagation of trout in a pond or ponds privately owned may be issued by the State Game and Fish Warden free of cost, however, person propagating any of the game or fresh water fishes named in this Act must apply for a permit to transport, to sell, barter or exchange any fish or fishes which may be so offered.

78. No person shall catch or in any manner take or kill in any waters of this State above a point where the tide ebbs and flows any of the game or fresh water fishes herein named, and no person or persons shall catch, take or kill, or have in possession any brown trout, brook trout or rainbow trout or any other species of the salmon and trout family (except Equeteague) of any size less than six inches nor any large or small mouth bass less than nine inches or any pike or pickerel less than fourteen inches, measuring in case of each fish from the tip of the nose to the end of the caudal fin or tail, in any manner whatsoever, nor at any time save only with rod, line and hook or hooks baited with natural bait, or tied with artificial fly or with a spoon or spinner, each equipped with a hook, or hooks.

80. No person shall, in this State, in any manner or at any time so obstruct any stream above where the tide ebbs and flows, so that fish shall not have free access up and down said stream.

81. Every owner of a dam or dams upon any of the waters of this State is hereby required to make and keep in repair, or cause to be made and kept in repair, and placed upon said dam or dams at least one fish ladder of such a character as to enable fish to have a free course up and down said waters at all times.

82. No person shall place, throw or make use of in any waters of this State except bona fide engineering, milling or mining purposes, any dynamite or other explosive substance, or any lime, poison, acid, sawdust, shaving or other substance whatsoever deleterious to or destructive of fish life, under a penalty of not less than Hundred Dollars ($100) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars ($300) or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than three years, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Court; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall apply to sawmills now in operation until October 1, 1903, unless said sawmill or mills shall in the meantime change its or their location; and further provided, tha nany saw mill or mills moving from it or their present location, shall be considered a new mill or mills, and shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

82A. Any person found guilty of violating any section or part or parts of sections of this Act unless the penalty is provided for in the section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdomeanor and upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of this State shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars |$25) nor more than One Hundred Dollars ($100) for each and every offense, and shall stand committed to the County Jail or the Baltimore City Jail until such fine and costs are paid, that the fines recovered for any violation of this Act shall be paid over to the State Comptroller of the State Game and Fish Warden for account of the State Game and Fish Protection Fund to be used as provided by law.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all general and local laws or parts of such laws now in force whether general or local inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 344

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to creat a Relief Fund for disabled Veterans of the World War, to provide for the administration thereof and to make an appropr'ation therefor.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a Relief Fund be and is hereby created for the purpose of providing the necessities of life for such Maryland Veterans of the World War as are sick, disabled or indigent and who are without means to pay for said necessities or for proper care, and for the purpose of providing the necessary funeral expenses of such Veterans.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sum of twenty-five thousand ($25,000) dollars shall be included in the State Budget each year to be expended for the purposes enumerated in Section 1 of this Act. The funds appropriated under the provisions of this Act shall be administered and expended under a Board to be composed of the Adjutant General of the State who shall be the Chairman, a member of the American Legion and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of whom shall be appointed by the Governor to serve during his pleasure. The Board, as thus constituted, shall make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for administering and expending the funds provided for under the provisions of this Act, and the Chairman shall approve all bills and vouchers before payment by the State Comptroller.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That, in order to provide the funds necessary until the next State Budget is submitted in 1927, there is hereby appropriated for each of the years ending September 30, 1925, September 30, 1926, and September 30, 1927, respectively, the sum of twenty-five thousand ($25,000) dollars.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the County Commissioners of the several counties of the State, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, are hereby respectively directed to levy State taxes for the year 1925, 1926 and 1927 at 1-7 of one cent on each one hundred dollars of assessable property; the said taxes to be collected according to law, to provide the funds appropriated by Section 3 of this Act.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 351.

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 58 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Live Stock," sub-title "Dairies," said new section to be known as Section 23-A and to follow immediately after Section 23 of said Article, the same relating to the importation of fluid milk into the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 58 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Live Stock," sub-title "Dairies," said new section to follow immediately after Section 23 of said Article, to be known as Section 23-A and to read as follows:

23-A. It shall be unlawful to import into the State of Maryland any fluid milk that has not been produced, handled and shipped according to the same standards and under the same conditions applicable to milk produced in Maryland under the rules and regulations of the municipalities into which such milk is shipped. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of $50 for the first offense, and $100 for each subsequent offense.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 376

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to provide for the levying of a per capita charge upon respective Counties and the City of Baltimore for students committed to the Maryland School for the Blind.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for each blind or colored deaf minor committed to the care and education of the Maryland School for the Blind, from the City of Baltimore or any one of the Counties in the State, the said city or county, as the case may be, shall as herein specified, pay to the Maryland School for the Blind the sum of Two Hundred ($200.00) Dollars per annum for the care and education of such blind minor or colored deaf minor. The expenses for the care and education of all blind minors or colored deaf minors in The Maryland School for the Blind, shall be a charge upon each county and City of Baltimore committing such blind or colored deaf minors to The Maryland School for the Blind, as hereinafter provided. I shall be the duty of the Board of Directors of The Maryland School for the Blind to furnish to the County treasurer, and to the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore having blind or colored deaf minors committed to The Maryland School for the Blind, a quarterly statement giving the number of such blind or colored deaf minors; and the name of each from and charged to such county or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, and the cost of maintenance and education due from said county and the City of Baltimore for such blind or colored deaf minor.

The Board of County Commissioners of each county, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are hereby authorized and required to levy annually upon the assessable property of each of said counties and said city respectively, an amount equal to two hundred ($200.00) dollars for each blind minor or colored deaf minor committed to the care and education of The Maryland School for the Blind, multiplied by the number of blind minors and colored deaf minors certified to the Treasurer of the respective counties and the Comptroller of Baltimore City by the Board of Directors of The Maryland School for the Blind as of the first day of January, April, July and October respectively in each year. Any balance from said levy at the end of the year shall revert to the treasury of said counties or said city, and any deficiency, if any, shall be included in the next succeeding levy and forthwith paid to The Maryland School for the Blind. Taxes levied and collected in any county or the City of Baltimore for the purpose named in this Act shall be used to defray the expenses of the blind minors and colored deaf minors committed to The Maryland School for the Blind, and shall not be transferred to any other fund by the city or county authorities.

SEC. 2 And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 379

A BILL ENTITLED.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Safe Deposit Companies," said new section to be known as Section 356A and to follow immediately after Section 356 of said Article authorizing Safe Deposit Companies and other Corporations or persons engaged in like business within this State, to limit by contract their liability in certain respects.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is is hereby added to Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Safe Deposit Companies," said new section to be known as Section 356A, to follow immediately after Section 356 of said Article and to read as follows:

356A. Any Safe Deposit Company engaged in the business of renting out locked boxes or safes for storage or safe-keeping of securities and valuables in a vault in its building, or under its control, within this State, or other corporation or individual engaged in such business, may in any lease or contract governing or regulating the use of any such box or safe to or by any customer or customers, limit its liability as such lessor or bailee in all or any of the following respects:

Limit its total liability for any loss by negligence to such maximum amount as may be so stipulated, not less however than five hundred times the annual rental of such box or safe.

2. Stipulate that it shall in no event be liable for loss of money, jewelry or such other articles as may be so excepted against in such lease or contract.

3. Stipulate that evidence tending to prove that securities, money, valuables or other articles were left in any such box or safe upon the last entry by such customer or his authorized agent, and that the same or any part thereof were found missing upon subsequent entry, shall not be sufficient to raise a presumption that the same were lost by any negligence or wrongdoing for which such lessor is responsible, or put upon the lessor the burden of proof that such alleged loss was not the fault of the lessor.

SEC. 2 And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 417

A BILL ENTITLED.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Chapter 403, Acts of 1918, codified as Section 54, Article 63, in the 1916-1918 Supplement to the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and to add new sections thereto, to be known as Section 55, Section 56, Section 57, Section 58, providing for a lien on motor vehicles for repairs, storage and accessories, and providing also for the method of enforcing said lien, and the manner of determining the amount due in disputed cases.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Chapter 403, Acts of 1918, codified as Section 54, Article 63, in the 1916-1918 Supplement to the Annotated Code of the Maryland General Laws of Maryland, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

54. Whenever a motor vehicle or any part thereof is left by the owner or by any other person with his authority, express or implied, in the custody of any corporation, firm or individual, association, or person for repair, rebuilding, storage, or for the purpose of having furnished for or on account of the same any parts, accessories, or tires, the corporation, firm, individual, association or person in whose custody said motor vehicle or part thereof is left for all or any of the purposes aforesaid, shall have a lien on said motor vehicle or part thereof for all charges so incurred, and may lawfully retain the same until said charges have been paid, or until said lien is extinguished or discharged as hereinafter provided. Said lien shall be superior to the rights of the holders of conditional sale contracts, bills of sale, chattel mortgages or other liens or claims of any kind which are not theretofore executed and recorded or filed for record as required by law, but shall be subordinate thereto where the same have been theretofore executed and recorded as required by law. Surrender or delivery of any motor vehicle subject to the lien aforesaid shall operate as a waiver or extinguishment of the same as against third persons without notice thereof, but shall not operate as such waiver or extinguishment as against the owner or as against third persons with notice.

55. Should the owner dispute the amount of the charge, or any part thereof, for which the lien is claimed as aforesaid, such dispute may be determined by appropriate legal proceedings, and the institution of any such legal proceedings shall operate as a stay of execution under said lien until the amount thereof shall have been judicially determined, or the owner of such motor vehicle shall have the right to immediately repossess himself of his said motor vehicle upon filing a good and sufficient corporate bond, in double the amount of said claim, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County, or with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, where the corporation, firm, individual, association or person, claiming such lien may have repaired or stored said motor vehicle, which said bond shall be approved by the Clerk of said Court, and which said bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of the full amount of any final judgment which may be recovered in said claim, together with interest, and all costs incident to any such suit, and any costs and expenses which may have been incurred in connection with the enforcement of such lien up to the time that such lien claimant is notified of the filing of such bond. And the filing of such bond shall operate as a stay of execution under said lien until the amount thereof shall have been judicially determined; and in any such suit against the owner of said motor vehicle by such lien claimant after filing of such bond, if any defendant is returned non est, service may be secured by publication as in the case of a suit against a non-resident, provided, however, that suit be instituted within six months from the presentation of said bond, otherwise the bond is to be null and void.

56. Any corporation, firm, individual, association or person who may have a lien under this Act on any motor vehicle or part thereof for repairs, rebuilding or storage, or having furnished for or on account of said motor vehicle or parts, accessories or tires may, if the account is due and unpaid for a period of thirty days and if the lienor still retains possession of the same, sell said motor vehicle or part thereof at public sale at some place which shall be convenient and accessible to the public at any time between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M., provided the time, place and terms of sale together with a full detailed description of said motor vehicle or part thereof shall be inserted in one or more daily newspapers published in the city or county where said sale is to take place at least once each week for two successive weeks prior to said sale; and provided further, that a registered notice shall be mailed at least ten days prior to said sale to the owner of said motor vehicle or part thereof, if his address be known, or if it can be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence, or by mailing said notice by registered mail to the person who gave the order for said repairs, storage, rebuilding, parts, accessories, or tires. If the address of neither of said persons is known, and by the exercise of reasonable diligence cannot be ascertained, then such notice shall be mailed to "General Delivery" at the Post Office of the city or county where the business of said lienor is located. Any excess in the amount of the selling price of said motor vehicle or part thereof at said sale over and above the expenses thereof, including a reasonable attorney's fee and the amount of said lien, shall be remitted to the owner of said motor vehicle or part thereof.

57. The remedies for enforcing the aforesaid lien herein provided shall not preclude any other remedies allowed by law for the enforcement of a lien against personal property nor bar the right to recover so much of the custodian's claim as shall not be paid by the proceeds of the sale of the property.

58. Should the owner of the motor vehicle or part thereof replevy the same and the defendant in such action move the court for a writ of retorno habendo, and if it shall appear to the court that the defendant's claim to the right of possession of such motor vehicle or part thereof is based on any lien or right to hold the property replevied as security for any sum of money claimed to be due as distinguished from a claim of ownership of the property replevied, the court shall refuse to order a return of the property replevied to the defendant until a judgment is given in the action, and in the trial of such replevin action it shall be the duty of the court, if the case is being tried without a jury, or the duty of the jury if the case is being tried before a jury, to determine the amount of such lien or claim, if any, and the amount of any expenses which were properly incurred or which accrued prior to the date of trial including storage and advertising, and the judgment in such action, if for the defendant, shall be either for the return of the property replevied, or for the amount of such lien or claim, and any accrued expenses which were properly incurred by the defendant, including storage and advertising; and the court may also allow a reasonable counsel fee to the defendant's counsel. The burden of proof in such action shall be upon the defendant to establish his claim or lien to the same extent as if he were a plaintiff in an action to secure judgment on an open account.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 420

A BILL ENTITLED.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 97 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Weights and Measures," said new section to be known as Section 44 and to follow immediately after Section 43 of said Article, authorizing the State Board of Agriculture to inspect, regulate and adjust scales, beams, weights and measures used in vending and purchasing agricultural products and farm supplies.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 97 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Weights and Measures," said new section to be known as Section 44, to follow immediately after Section 43 of said Article, and to read as follows:

44. In addition to the powers of inspection, regulation and adjustment of scales, beams, weights and measures conferred by this Article upon the inspectors appointed by the County Commissioners of the several counties ,and by the Comptroller of Baltimore City, the State Board of Agriculture shall, through its officers, agents and employees, have the authority and power to inspect, regulate and adjust any or all scales, beams, weights and measures used in the several counties of the State and in the City of Baltimore in the vending or purchasing of agricultural products and farm supplies which are directed by law or are usually sold by weight or measure. The said State Board of Agriculture shall have and exercise, through its officers, agents and employees, all the authority and power conferred by this Article upon the inspectors appointed by the County Commissioners of the several counties, and by the Comptroller of Baltimore City, including the power to condemn any scale, beam, weight or measure which it is impossible to repair, and to prohibit the use of and to remove and destroy or otherwise dispose of the same. The authority and power hereby conferred shall be exercised in such manner, by such method or methods and at such time or times as shall be determined upon by the said State Board of Agriculture, and the said Board shall have power to make or cause to be made an inspection or inspections of such scales, beams, weights and measures as, in its discretion, the public interest shall require.

Any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee of such person, firm or corporation refusing to have his, her, their or its scales, beams, weights or measures inspected, regulated or adjusted by the said State Board of Agriculture, or its officers, agents or employees as authorized by this Article, or refusing to carry out the lawful orders of the said Board, its officers, agents or employees, or interfering in any way with the exercise of the authority conferred by this Article shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties provided therefore in this Article. The provisions of this section shall be construed as additional and supplemental to, and not in substitution for or in conflict with, any of the other sections of this Article.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 432

A BILL ENTITLED.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to come in after Section 213A, under the new sub-title "Game Preserves," and to be known as Section 213-B of said Article.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section shall be and the same is hereby added to Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, said new section to come in after Section 213A of said article, to come under the new subtitle "Game Preserves," to be known as Section 213-B of said Article, and to read as follows.

213-B. Any person or persons, his her or their aiders or abettors, who shall enter upon any game preserves or refuge for game maintained for the propagation of game in the State of Maryland, where such preserve or refuge is enclosed with fencing six feet or more in height, for the purpose of stealing game, birds or eggs or game animals therein, or who shall shoot, trap, wound, pursue, hunt, take, capture or attempt to kill, shoot, trap, pursue, hunt, take or capture game birds or game animals in such preserve or refuge either in the day time or night time, with the use of searchlights, sulphur fires or any other means whatsoever, except with the written consent of the owner or owners of such preserve or refuge, or who shall destroy any part of the fencing about said preserve or refuge in any manner whatsoever, or shall enter into such preserve or refuge and drive or attempt to drive the game birds or game animals therefrom, either in the day time or in the night time, except with the written consent of the owner or owners thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be liable for each offense to a fine of not less than $100.00 or not more than $500.00 or to imprisonment in the House of Correction for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year, or be subject both to said fine and said imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of June, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER NO. 586

A BILL ENTITLED.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 171 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Health," sub-title "Adulteration of Food and Drink," as said section was amended by Chapter 333 of the Acts of 1920, increasing the amount of milk fat to be used in ice cream.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 171 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Health," sub-title "Adulteration of Food and Drink," as said section was amended by Chapter 333 of the Acts of 1920, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

171. The standard under Section 166 to 177 for the quality, purity and strength of drugs shall be the standard set by the United States Pharmacopoeia or the National Formulary. That any standards of quality, purity and strength for foods or for drugs not already standardized by the United States Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary the standards heretofore adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture are hereby declared to be the standards of purity, quality and strength for such foods and drugs in the State of Maryland, except in the case of ice cream, in which case the standards are declared to be as follows:

(a) Ice cream is a frozen product from cream and other milk substances and sugar, with or without a natural flavoring and containing not less than 10 per cent. of milk fat, to which may be added fresh eggs and not exceeding 1 per cent. of pure gelatin, gum-tragacanth or vegetable gum, without statement of such fact, and such goods may be called ice cream, provided the required percentage of fat