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## Ninth District Farmers Club Assembles

### March Meeting Held At The Reynolds Home, Blue Ball

The Ninth District Farmers' Club was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, Wednesday, March 4. The meeting was called to order by Mr. T. K. McDowell. All joined in singing America. The members responded to roll call with a joke or a famous person born in March. All members were present but one, also several visitors. Mr. J. E. Reynolds read a very good article on Americanism; after the reading different ones made comments.

Several of the members discussed the advantages of fall plowing. Mr. J. Z. Miller, County Agent, told about a Guernsey cattle club being organized on the Eastern Shore. Miss Gertrude Denning, Home Demonstration Agent, told of a meeting to be held at Principio Furnace on Friday, March 6, at Craftwork. The meeting was given over to the program committee—Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. England and Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Brown. Can't Farm Without Livestock, was the title of a reading given by Mr. Howard R. Brown. Mr. C. H. Morris, Mr. Eugene England, and Mr. J. B. Fassitt were appointed on the inspection committee. Lunch being announced, Rev. A. E. Thomas, of the Elkton Presbyterian church, asked the blessing. After enjoying the social time, the meeting opened with Mr. C. H. Morris' report. Mrs. Amber England read, How Did You Die? Mrs. Howard Brown's contribution was an article to be filled in with the names of magazines, "Say It With Flowers". Mrs. England read the Need of Today. Mr. J. E. Reynolds introduced Rev. Thomas, who spoke on the church's challenge to patriotism and education. He stated, "give the young people something to do and let them do it".

Mrs. Charles Morris read an article about the home. The club then adjourned to meet on April 1 with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10th. Those present were Dr. T. B. Moore, President; Mr. Fred Lewis, Vice-President, and Mr. J. E. Crothers.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 11th were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

The Board approved the change of date of the Field Meet for the Colored Schools from April 4th to April 22nd.

The Board received the deed from Mrs. Cameron for the ground for the proposed colored school at Port Deposit. This was referred to Mr. James F. Evans.

Bids were received and opened for the proposed school at Calvert. These bids were held for future consideration.

Bonds were approved for the security of the funds of the Board in the Elkton Banking & Trust Company as follows: \$5,000 Southern California Gas 1st Mortgage 4s of 1965 in place of \$5,000 Pacific R. R. of Missouri of 1938; \$50,000 U. S. Treasury 1 1/2% Notes of 1940 in place of \$50,000 U. S. Treasury 1 1/2% Notes of 1939.

The application of Mr. George W. Norris, of Annapolis, Maryland, for the position of County Superintendent of Schools, was submitted to the Board, but no action was taken.

**TRACK MEET AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**  
The University of Maryland announces its Nineteenth Interscholastic Track and Field Meet for Saturday, May 2, 1936. There will be thirteen track and field events open to all high and preparatory schools, and for the County High Schools of Maryland, there will be eight special events.

**INDIAN AGENT NAMED**  
Col. Rex M. Ingham, for the past few years director of public relations at the River Bend Reservation, has been appointed in charge of the new Elk River Indian Reservation now under construction three miles south of Elkton, at Bacon Hill.

A stockade is being built that will enclose the villages that will shortly be the homes of the Indians who will be transferred to the reservation.

## Short Paragraphs

A piano has been purchased by Calvert P. T. A. for use in the school.

The young people of the M. E. church at Zion, cleared \$50 by the play recently presented.

Ralph W. Benjamin of Leslie has accepted a position as teacher in Thompson's private business school, Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Margaret Wagner of Baltimore, has been appointed an additional health nurse for Cecil County, assuming her duties at the county health office in Elkton.

Aberdeen will not be represented in the Bi-State Baseball League this year, but the Harford Hunt Club, of Bel Air, will fill the vacancy made by Aberdeen's withdrawal.

Spring-like weather the forepart of the week, with thunder and lightning Monday evening, but March came back strong Tuesday night with a howling gale and driving rain.

The Cecil County Chapter, American Red Cross, will hold its annual meeting at the M. E. Church House in Elkton, Tuesday evening, March 31, at 8 o'clock. All members urged to be present.

The Bel Air Presbyterian church, a handsome stone structure, was totally destroyed by fire on the morning of March 11, causing a loss of \$75,000. The fire is of undetermined origin.

Nathan Kaplan, stepson of Mrs. Sophia Kaplan, of Elkton, has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and was transferred to the Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C., for his recruit training.

A large number of our residents have enjoyed the gorgeous display of flowers in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, at the National Flower and Garden Show which closes on Sunday.

**POSTER AND ESSAY CONTESTS**  
National poster contests and essay contests, open to high school students of Maryland have been announced, for scholarships and cash prizes.

Both contests are sponsored by the live stock and meat industry of the United States, through the National Live Stock and Meat Board. The poster contest is being held for the first time while the essay contest has been an annual event for the past thirteen years. Last year's state title holder in the essay contest was Miss Margaret C. Rumenap, of Baltimore.

Maryland students entering the contests will also compete against students in other states for district and national championships. In 1935 the national winner in the essay contest was Miss Dorothy Lee Gillins, of Ashmore, Ill., who won this coveted honor in a field of 12,269 contestants.

In both the poster and the essay contests, the entries are to be on phases of the subject of meat as a food. Prominent artists and home economists will make up the committee of judges, according to the announcement. The contests close on April 15.

**ASSESSORS APPOINTED**  
The County Commissioners have appointed the following assessors for the various Districts of Cecil County, with the exception of the First: Second district, George Thornton; Third, Victor Taylor; Fourth, Arthur Willis; Fifth, William J. Cameron; Sixth, Robert Boyd; Seventh, Phillip R. Bond; Eighth, R. L. Lindamood, and Ninth, Walter C. Martindale. The assessors will be under the supervision of George K. Houck, State Supervisor of Assessment for Cecil County.

**BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES OBSERVED**  
Miss Mary E. Reynolds, of Rising Sun, and her brother Arthur Reynolds, of Sylmar, on Sunday, March 8, observed the anniversaries of their birth by a family dinner at the home of the former in this town. The birthday of Miss Reynolds falls on March 8 and that of her brother on March 9.

**MRS. STONE DENIED PAROLE**  
Mrs. Hattie Stone of Havre de Grace, who is serving 18 years in the Maryland House of Correction for the alleged murder, by poison of her husband, and who applied to the State Board of Pardons for a parole after having served six years of her term, has been refused.

## Tearing Out The Old C. & D. Canal Locks

### Substantial Construction Of Over 100 Years Dynamited

Removing the old locks at the Chesapeake City end of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal because of the substantial original construction of the locks is proving a hard job. The Arundel Corporation has the contract for this work.

The floor of the old locks has had to be dynamited because it was impossible to remove it in any other way.

The top of the floor consisted of about six inches of two-inch boards laid on top of each other. Underneath the flooring were 14-inch timbers laid the entire length of the lock. Underneath these timbers was a foundation of plaster and sand, the composition used at the time the canal was constructed, more than 100 years ago, for the same purpose that concrete is now used. Beneath the foundation of plaster and sand are pilings placed closely together that extend beyond the actual floor of the lock and gave support to the side walls of the lock.

Dynamite is placed beneath the plaster and sand and the resultant explosion rips apart the floor above the pilings. The pilings will be allowed to remain as they are below the 30-foot level which will be the channel depth of the new canal.

The large blocks of stone that are being taken from the lock are being transported by barges to Edge Moor where they are being used in the construction of the new jetty that projects into the Delaware River at that point.

**SUSQUEHANNA FLOOD WATERS SUBSIDE**  
The Susquehanna river was at flood stage several days last week, but has subsided. Some idea of the volume of water may be had when it is noted that ordinarily the flow is controlled at the Conowingo dam by the raising of perhaps three or four gates, but last week more than thirty gates in the dam were raised in order to let the flood waters through.

The road down the river shore, leading to Port Deposit was overflowed at several points, notably at Octoraro Junction, where it was under several feet of water. High water in Port Deposit encroached on the back yards of several properties near the river front and flooded cellars in numerous instances.

Fortunately there was no ice gorge in the river to back the water up, as has occurred in years gone by, and the damage sustained this year by the flood waters was trifling, as compared to that wrought by the ice gorges and floods that were periodic years ago, before the construction of the immense dams along the river, which tend to hold back the ice above until the river is clear at its mouth.

The Susquehanna river was again at flood stage on Wednesday of this week, with more than thirty gates in the Conowingo dam open to let the raging torrent through. Portions of Rock Run and Port Deposit were under water Wednesday morning, when the river was reported to have reached a higher stage of flood than at any time previously this spring.

**SHOES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**  
Many Cecil County school children are, and have been, out of school for some time because their parents are unable to buy shoes for them. The welfare department has been very helpful in furnishing shoes for children whose parents are on relief but because of lack of funds has been unable to help others.

If anyone in the county having any children's shoes which they wish to give to some unfortunate child, will notify their nearest school, some one will call for them. At this time there is also a great need for rubbers and galoshes.

**YOUNG REPUBLICAN LEAGUE**  
The Board of Governors of the Young Republican League of Cecil County met at the home of the president, E. K. Wells, North East, on Monday night, March 16. Committees were appointed to arrange for an annual dinner in April. There will be addresses by nationally known speakers and music by a local orchestra. This dinner is not for members alone, but for all Republicans. Date and place will be announced later.

## Local Cast Presents Oh, Aunt Jerusha

### Two Well Filled Houses Greet Successful Presentations

Two good sized, well pleased audiences greeted the presentation of the three-act farce, "Oh, Aunt Jerusha," in the auditorium of the high school building here, on Thursday and Friday evenings last. Every member of the large cast of local talent won praise for the manner in which the various parts were portrayed, and the audiences greatly enjoyed the play both nights. Much credit is due Mrs. A. M. McNamee, at whose suggestion the play was put on, and who had direct supervision of it.

Everyone who witnessed the entertainment voted it one of the best local talent shows ever given here.

The West Nottingham Academy Orchestra contributed their services at the first night's presentation and rendered excellent music. Miss Dorothy Keilholz presided at the piano and furnished the music for the second evening's presentation.

The proceeds were divided by the Parent-Teachers Association and the Rising Sun Fire Company, each organization receiving a very substantial return from the entertainment, about \$50 apiece.

**SEVERE WINTER KILLS MARYLAND GAME**  
State Game Warden E. Lee LeCompte estimates approximately one-half of the quail in Maryland were killed by the extreme cold and snow of last winter. Mr. LeCompte states that in one section of the State, in Frederick county, ninety per cent of all ground-nesting birds had been killed by winter or their natural enemies. Throughout the State about five per cent of the rabbits were killed and about fifteen per cent of the deer.

The loss in water-fowl was severe, but not as great as expected. The loss in the winter of 1934-35 was greater than last winter, he added. Most of the water-fowl killed, he said, were frozen to death. The State operated three feeding stations in open water and managed to give them enough to eat, he explained.

Game in the State has suffered from nearly three years of adverse weather, the game warden reported. The heavy rain in the fall of 1933 drowned seventy-five per cent of the ground-nesting birds, including quails and wild turkeys. The following winter was the coldest in fifty years, he said, and it killed many of the young birds which survived the floods.

The wet summer and fall of 1934 further depleted the numbers, and then there was another cold winter. The long rain in the fall of 1935 killed off many more young birds, he said, and last winter was longer than the previous one and nearly as cold. In the western part of the State the ground was covered with snow from November 15 to March 1.

Rabbits, he said, lived on the bark of trees during this time, or ate corn distributed for birds. The birds, unless they were fed at State feeding stations, began to eat the buds of young trees.

The fact that rabbits ate corn, Mr. LeCompte asserted, was verified by one deputy game warden who walked two miles on snow shoes to a feeding station to distribute it. One old cottontail was nibbling at the corn while the warden watched. On later trips he carried a supply of alfalfa hay for it.

**STRUCK WHILE CROSSING STREET IN NORTH EAST**  
His right shoulder and leg fractured Jesse H. Simpser, of North East, is a patient in Union Hospital, Elkton. Mr. Simpser was struck by an automobile as he was crossing Cecil Avenue, in North East, returning to his home from the movies.

**FIRE COMPANIES RECEIVE DONATIONS**  
The Farmers' and Mechanics' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Zion, has presented the Volunteer Fire Companies in this county, with checks for \$50 each, for services rendered during the past year.

**HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE**  
While Henry Schneider, a blind man and his sister were attending church, Friday evening, fire of an undetermined origin destroyed their home on the Elkton-Chesapeake City road, including its contents. The loss is estimated about \$1,500.

## Personal And Social

Mrs. George Reynolds has been visiting West Grove, Pa., relatives.

Miss Vernice Parsons spent the week-end with her parents at Stockton, Maryland.

Miss Isabel Pogue had as her recent guest, Miss Ruth Veghts, of Trenton, New Jersey.

Mrs. Walter E. Patten, who spent the winter months in Baltimore, has returned to her home in Rising Sun.

Wm. R. Pogue and family have moved to Buffalo, New York, where Mr. Pogue has secured the position he formerly held.

Mrs. T. N. Hite and daughter, Miss Leila Hite, have moved to their home at Woodlawn, after spending the winter in Rising Sun.

Francis Kennard and family will occupy the Cameron dwelling on South Queen street, vacated on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marker.

Mr. and Mrs. Mancill L. Smith, of Cecil county, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Zenobia Willett Smith to Mr. C. Horton Corwin, of Chester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Marker moved on Monday from the Cameron dwelling on South Queen street, to their recently purchased business and dwelling property on East Main street, which has undergone extensive improvement.

Miss Shirley Ewing entertained a number of friends at bridge on Saturday afternoon last. Four tables were played. The St. Patrick's table decoration presented a very pretty appearance, the color scheme being carried to the favors and refreshments.

Miss Dorothy Lorraine Crouch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Crouch, of near Elkton, and Mr. Linton F. Truitt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Linton F. Truitt, Sr., of near Elkton, were married February 28, at Centreville, Md., by the Rev. R. T. Thawley.

**BANQUET IN HONOR OF MARY R. HASLUP'S 80TH BIRTHDAY**  
The North Baltimore Union sponsored a Banquet in the First M. E. Church, in Baltimore, in honor of Mrs. Mary R. Haslup, President of Maryland W. C. T. U., on her 80th birthday. Mrs. Haslup has served 42 years as Maryland's President. There were 250 covers laid and the committee in charge had been unable to care for those who came after tickets for three days prior to the banquet.

People from all over the state were in attendance. Those attending from Cecil County were Miss Bertha M. Tyson, County President, and Miss Virginia H. Abrahams, Vice President.

Dr. Bordeaux-Sisco was toastmistress and those who responded to toasts were: Rev. Mr. Haas, Dr. Geo. W. Crabbe, Mrs. W. E. F. Taylor, Mrs. J. G. Shawbaker and Miss Bertha M. Tyson. Mrs. Len Small, of York, Pa., was the soloist. The Youth's Temperance Council from various parts of the state burst out into temperance song all during the evening. Mrs. J. G. Thompson, of Montgomery county, rendered a beautiful piano solo.

After the speeches Mrs. Haslup responded feelingly. There were telegrams and letters from many of the states all congratulating Mrs. Haslup on her wonderful leadership in this important work in our state.

**DAMAGE SUIT BEFORE COURT**  
On the case of Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of Rising Sun, vs. George A. Kepler, Jr., for damages for personal injuries when plaintiff's car collided with defendant's truck parked on the street at Port Deposit on the night of March 10, 1935, put on trial before the Circuit Court at Elkton, at the conclusion of the plaintiff's testimony the counsel for defense offered a prayer that as the plaintiff was guilty of negligence directly contributing to the accident, the verdict of the jury must be for the defendant, which was granted, and counsel for plaintiff moved for a non pros, which was granted, and a mistrial was declared.

**NINE ROADS CLOSED IN FAIR HILL SECTION**  
The Board of County Commissioners has approved a petition presented to it by the Stockford Farms, Inc., asking for permission to close nine sections of public road in the Fair Hill district. William duPont is head of the Stockford Farms, Inc., and has, during the past three years, purchased more than a dozen different farms in that section of the county. All roads which they have asked permission to close, run through these properties and are no longer used by the public.

**TWO YEARS FOR THEFT**  
Bently F. Owens, of Perryville, drew a sentence of two years in the Maryland House of Correction after being convicted in Cecil Circuit Court on the charge of larceny of goods from a salesman's automobile while it was parked along the street in that town.

## School Case Before Circuit Court

### Will Be Passed On By State Board Of Education

The Judges in the Circuit Court handed down a decision in the case brought by the Board of Education of Cecil County against Eugene England in a mandamus proceedings to compel defendants to send his children to school designated by the Board until a new school is built at Calvert.

The evidence in the case showed that after the Calvert school building was destroyed by fire on September 30 last, John E. Crothers, member of the Board of Education, and acting as superintendent in that district, assigned the children to different schools, the England children being sent to Grove school. The parents objected on the ground that the fifth grade was not fully taught at Grove. The evidence showed that the fifth grade has been taught at Grove school all year, and the arrangement of temporary schools will end as soon as a new school building is erected at Calvert.

The Court decided that they had no jurisdiction of the petition and that the matter was one that had to be passed upon and determined by the State Board of Education. The Court, however, said they were satisfied that the School Board has acted fairly and should not be censured for the way they handled the emergency caused by the fire.

**COUNTY AGENT ADVISES ON RURAL REHABILITATION**  
Farm families who are eligible for rural rehabilitation assistance under the Resettlement Administration and who desire to make application for this aid, can do so at his office, it is announced by J. Z. Miller, County Agent.

Rural rehabilitation, he states, offers not only loans to farmers for the purchase of livestock, machinery, seed, fertilizer, etc., but assists in voluntary debt adjustment, when possible and when the indebtedness is more than the farm can carry. Assistance in the way of advice on farm and home management is offered also, in order that the borrower will have the best possible chance for repaying his loan.

Mr. Miller states that the Extension Service is cooperating with the Resettlement Administration in the rural rehabilitation program by acquainting farm people with what it has to offer, by assisting in working out farm plans, and in filling out the necessary papers for applications. County and Home Demonstration Agents, he says, will work with the farm families who are accepted under the rural rehabilitation program, advising them as to ways in which they may secure the greatest income from their farms and economic management of their homes.

In order to be eligible for rehabilitation assistance, according to Mr. Miller, it is necessary to be engaged in farming as an owner, tenant, or laborer, or to have obtained, when last employed, the major portion of livelihood from farming. Applicants cannot be accepted if they are in position to secure sufficient credit from local banking institutions, Production Credit Associations, or the Federal Land Bank. It is emphasized also that before a loan can be extended, a farm plan must be worked out to show that the farm can be operated successfully under normal weather conditions and with reasonable prices for farm products.

**COLORED WOMAN SENT TO THE CUT**  
Convicted in the Circuit Court of Cecil County on the charge of keeping a disorderly house at Chesapeake City, Cordelia Gibbs, colored, was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction at Jessups Cut.