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## The Ritchie Memorial Commission

### Committee Appointed For Each District In Cecil

The Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Commission, which has in charge the raising of a \$200,000 fund to provide a memorial to the late Governor Ritchie, has set Cecil County's quota at \$2240.

The purpose is to obtain small contributions, starting at 50 cents, from as many persons as possible, each of whom will be given a receipt by the local recipient, and will later be mailed a receipt from headquarters. Of course, large contributions will also be welcomed.

Dr. Harry A. Cantwell, of North East, Chairman for Cecil County, has named his aides and they will be ready to receive contributions as soon as the receipt books are in hand.

The Committees for this county are as follows:—  
County Chairman, Dr. Harry A. Cantwell, North East.  
District Committees: Chairman named first in each case:

First District—Lambert W. Davis, Cecilton; Custis C. Price, Warwick; Bayard Vinyard, Warwick.  
Second District—Wm. M. Brown, Chesapeake City; Mrs. Ralph Rees, Chesapeake City; Miss Lucy Stapp, Chesapeake City; Frank P. Conroy, Chesapeake City; Henry V. Davis, Chesapeake City; Henry G. Hager, Chesapeake City.

Third District—Ben Decker, Elkton; Mrs. Eloise Ash, Elkton; Dr. S. Claude Sykes, Elkton; George K. Houck, Elkton; Manly Drennen, Elkton; Henry H. Mitchell, Elkton; Herbert Baker; Victor Davis, Elkton; Emerson Crothers, Elkton; John K. Burkley, Elkton; Wm. D. Bratton, Elkton; Fred H. Leffer, Elkton; Earle Jacobs, Elkton; Gove S. Jenkins, Elkton.

Fourth District—Miss Bessie Hartnett, Elkton, R. D.; Harvey Mackey, Elkton, R. D.; David Lindsey, Elkton, R. D.; Millard Hess, Elkton, R. D.; Arthur J. Willis, Elkton, R. D.

Fifth District—George W. Owens, North East; Mrs. Bessie Wallis, North East; Mauldin Lum, North East; E. B. Fockler, Jr., North East; Charles Stewart, North East; John M. Lilly, North East.

Sixth District—Cecil E. Ewing, Rising Sun; Horace M. Duyckinck, Rising Sun; Taylor R. Biles, Rising Sun; T. B. Moore, Rising Sun; Lawson Tosh, Rising Sun; Robert Boyd, Rising Sun; Arthur T. Dinsmore, Rising Sun.

Seventh District—Cecil C. Squier, Port Deposit; Walter E. Buck, Port Deposit; Thos. J. Murray, Port Deposit; Geo. A. Hohn, Port Deposit; Walter Touchstone, Port Deposit; Dr. Ernest Rowland, Liberty Grove; Harold E. Cobourn, Perryville; Floyd H. Klatner, Perryville; Frank Harris, Perryville; Curtis Taylor, Perryville; Dr. Clinton Kane, Perryville.

Eighth District—Mrs. Isabelle C. Lindamood, Rock Springs.

Ninth District—John B. Fassitt, Sylmar; John C. Duncan, Nottingham, Pa., R. D.; Wm. D. Ewing, North East, R. D.

**PRESIDENT WILL DELIVER ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OUT DOOR**

A nation-wide organization, known as the Roosevelt Nominators, will conduct a great central rally on Franklin Field at Philadelphia on Saturday night, June 27, when President Roosevelt will deliver his address of acceptance of the Democratic nomination for President.

At this out-of-doors session the convention hall seating and arrangements will be carried out, with State delegations in their relative places.

Plans are under way to hold rallies in many cities and towns, the main feature of each of which will be to hear the President's acceptance over the radio.

**SPECIAL SESSION OF CECIL CIRCUIT COURT**

A special session of the Circuit Court for Cecil County convened at Elkton on Thursday of this week for trial of the case of State vs. William Coates, colored, of Cecilton. Coates is under indictment for the murder of Russell Fields, also colored, of Chesapeake City. The murder, it is alleged, grew out of a fight in which the two men were engaged at Cecilton, on the evening of April 23 last. Coates was indicted at a special session of the Grand Jury last month.

## Short Paragraphs

Rev. Colln Wier has resigned as pastor of Zion and Rock Presbyterian Churches.

Japanese beetles have made their appearance in the Elkton section in great numbers.

Robert K. Wood is having a modern dairy barn erected on his farm near Kirk's Mills, Pa.

Rats have carried off more than sixty young chickens on the place of Albert Ward, at Sylmar.

J. Mercer Terrell has been appointed postmaster of Elkton for a term of four years; Mr. Terrell has been acting postmaster for some time past.

The stockholders of the James F. Powers Foundry Company, of Elkton, have voted to liquidate the affairs of the company and petition the Court for an order of dissolution.

Sam Singleton, of Pleasant Hill section, who pleaded guilty of stealing chickens, was sentenced by Police Justice Walter C. Miller to six months in the House of Correction, but sentence was suspended provided he leaves the State.

More than 60 Boy Scouts from the four Cecil County troops attended the overnight encampment at Camp Caesar Rodney, along North East River, June 20-21. The Elkton scouts were under the direction of Scoutmaster Charles W. Marlowe, Jr., and Robert Hobart.

The three Masonic Lodges in Cecil county, Port Deposit, Elkton and Chesapeake City, on Sunday afternoon, joined in conducting religious services at Bonnie Blink, the beautiful new Masonic home near Cockeysville, Md.

Officials of the Order were in charge of the services. Rev. H. R. McDade, of Tome Memorial M. E. Church, Port Deposit, delivered the sermon. Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman, of Rising Sun, was the soloist, rendering effectively two sacred vocal selections. Miss Hanna Pugh, of Port Deposit, was the accompanist.

## WORK ON C. & D. CANAL

### Improvement Expected To Be Completed By End Of Next Year

The improvement of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal will be completed by December 31, 1937, army engineers estimate.

The final contract for improvement of the Delaware side of the canal has been awarded. It calls for the removal of 13,000,000 cubic yards of material. The canal is being widened from 90 to 250 feet and deepened from 12 to 27 feet.

Dry excavation between Chesapeake City and Summit bridge probably will be completed by September, the engineers state.

Work is being pushed on the St. George and the Reedy Point bridges, which are being lengthened to span the canal's increased width.

About \$9,500,000 already has been spent on the canal and about \$4,000,000 more will be needed.

## GRANT FOR ELKTON SCHOOL BUILDING

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes gave to Congressman Goldsborough Friday morning his positive assurance that the forty-five per cent grant of some \$80,000.00 would be made for the school building at Elkton, Maryland.

This matter has been pending for some time and Congressman Goldsborough has been tireless in his effort to secure a school building for Elkton.

Persistent efforts have been made for months past by the County Commissioners for a government grant for the new high school building, a site for which was purchased about one year ago. It is hoped work on the new building can be started at an early date.

## FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Through her counsel, James H. Hughes, Mrs. Catherine H. Benchley, of Cecil County, has filed a suit in the Circuit Court at Elkton, for an absolute divorce from her husband, Arnold H. Benchley, on the grounds of abandonment and desertion.

## BLACK BARREN FAIR

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 10, 11 and 12, have been chosen as dates for holding the fair at Black Barren by the directors of the Black Barren Springs Fair Association. Plans are being made for a bigger and better fair this year.

## Tax Rate Fixed By Commissioners

### Will Remain At 78 Cents On The \$100 For Cecil County

The Board of County Commissioners after considering all the appropriations, has fixed the tax rate for Cecil county for the coming fiscal year at 78 cents on the \$100, which is the same rate as last year. The combined State and county rate is \$1 on the \$100. The appropriation for public schools on the fiscal year will be \$174,223.30, an increase of about \$6,000.

## CECIL COUNTY WOMEN AWARDED CERTIFICATES

Among the 73 Maryland women awarded certificates by the University of Maryland at College Park on June 9, in recognition of four years' attendance at the Rural Women's Short Course, were six from Cecil county: Mrs. W. Atlas Armour, of North East; Mrs. W. H. Bouchelle, of Elkton; Mrs. James C. Boulden, of Lewisville; Mrs. H. H. Kirk, of Port Deposit; Miss Margaret L. Rogers, of Zion; Mrs. Viola C. Tarbert, of Perryville.

The awards were made by President H. C. Byrd following a special assembly at which Dr. Allen A. Stockdale, of Washington, D. C., was the principal speaker.

The Short Course is sponsored by the Extension Service of the University and is under the immediate direction of Miss Vena M. Kellar, State Home Demonstration Agent. This is the fourteenth consecutive year it has been held.

More than 700 women from all Counties in Maryland registered for the week and on a number of days fully 100 more attended the classes. Allegany had the largest number from any one County with 93, Wicomico County was second with 55, and Somerset County third with 51.

In addition to the regular schedule of classes in a wide variety of subjects, those attending participated in many entertaining and social features. On Thursday night, women's choruses from nine counties presented a program of folk songs. A mixed chorus from Calvert County gave the operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore" on Friday night. The entire group made a sight-seeing tour in Washington and had a picnic dinner in Rock Creek Park on Friday.

Other special events included a reception by President H. C. Byrd, an address by Senator Millard E. Tydings, and a garden party by the Home Economics Department of the University.

Mrs. Wm. C. Henry, Cecil county, was elected president of the Rural Women's Short Course. The Home Demonstration Agent from this County, Miss Gertrude Denning, accompanied the delegation.

## PAGEANT AT LONGWOOD

A large number of our residents enjoyed the pageant "Ramona," presented by the American Legion of Kennett Square, Pa., at the open air theatre at beautiful Longwood Gardens. The pageant was scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, but due to the unprecedented demand for tickets and the fact that it was rained out on Thursday evening, it was necessary to carry it over two evenings, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

More than capacity crowds were in attendance each evening. The pageant was well presented, beautiful stage and realistically costumed. Each performance was followed by displays of the wonderful electric fountains, whose marvelous beauty and exquisite colorings cannot be fittingly described but are an incomparable delight to see.

## A. T. & T. SUPERINTENDENT TRANSFERRED

Mr. Harold Marsh, who has been superintendent of the A. T. & T. sub-power station at Elkton, for several years past, has been notified that he will be transferred to Washington, D. C., next month. He will be succeeded at Elkton by Mr. Peters, of Philadelphia.

## SKULL FRACTURED BY KICK OF HORSE

Curtis M. Jones, of Elkton, is in Union Hospital, in that town, suffering from a fracture of the skull sustained when a horse in his stable on Friday evening kicked him on the head. He was found by an employee. A physician was summoned, and the injured man removed to the hospital.

## Plan Memorial Service At Old St. Mary's

### Will Observe 150th Anniversary Of Rector Of Parish

Plans have been launched for an appropriate celebration next May in memory of the Rev. Joseph Coudon, which will be the 150th anniversary of his association with St. Mary Ann's Parish, at North East, this county.

Mr. Coudon was ordained by Bishop White, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, on May 29, 1787, and immediately thereafter became the rector of the North East Church. The Rev. L. Irving Insley, the present rector of St. Mary's is heading the movement for the celebration, assisted by the Historical Society of Cecil County. Joseph Coudon of Perryville, is a grandson of the former rector, and a communicant at the church. The remains of Mr. Coudon are buried under the church, near where the pulpit is located.

## VIOLATED BEER TAX LAW

Magistrate Stanley S. Spencer found Mrs. A. Fabrizio guilty of bringing untaxed beer into Maryland and fined her \$250 Monday. It was the first case of violation of the new beer tax laws.

Lawrence Hecht, of Havre de Grace, defense attorney, filed notice of appeal of the verdict to the Circuit Court. His client, who operates a beer-distributing business in Havre de Grace, was released on bond of \$1,000.

Hecht argued against admission of the testimony of John W. Frist, of Colorado, driver of the truck which brought beer into the State. State's Attorney D. Paul McNabb agreed not to put Frist on the stand, saying that his testimony was not needed to prove the case.

## SOIL CONSERVATION WORK SHEETS

The time for filing work sheets in connection with the New Soil Conservation Program has been extended to July 1. Recent rulings will enable more farmers to receive benefits under the program. Over three hundred Cecil County farmers have already filed work sheets but it is believed that there are many others who could receive benefits under the program if they will file work sheets before July 1. Farmers may get assistance in filling out the work sheets at the County Agent's Office or from any of the county committees.

## MAJOR GAREY RETAINED AS POLICE HEAD

Governor Harry W. Nice, overriding recommendations of a special board of inquiry, has retained Major Enoch B. Garey as superintendent of state police.

The board of inquiry had recommended Garey be dismissed for his part in a Tangier Island relief expedition last February in which State Police Sergeant Wilbert V. Hunter died. The board held Hunter's death was due to Garey's poor judgment.

## RELOCATE SECTION OF ROUTE 1

The Baltimore Pike, between West Grove and Avondale, which has long been under consideration, is now assured, and work will begin within a few days. The road continues on Pennsylvania avenue in Avondale, crosses the Henry Palmer meadow and will practically follow that of the trolley line, which was discontinued several years ago. The present road will be resurfaced and will continue under the State system.—Oxford Press.

## CHARLES ARMSTRONG

Charles Armstrong, aged 59 years, of Elkton, died June 12, from acute dilation of the heart. He was the son of Frank and Julia Wye Armstrong, and was an expert machinist, formerly employed at the Radnor Pulp Mill in Elkton. His wife, Mrs. Carrie Armstrong, a son, Charles, and a daughter, Mrs. Clara Wogley, survive.

## OFFICERS DESTROY STILL AND ARREST TWO

A 500-gallon still was destroyed in Harford county on Tuesday by officers, and Donald Enstein, of Perryville, and Bert Croft of Powellsville, arrested. Both men, police said, were in the vicinity of the still. The men were taken to Baltimore for a hearing before the United States Commissioner. Two thousand gallons of mash were seized.

## Personal And Social

Miss Gladys Dean, of Elkton, spent Sunday with Mrs. H. B. Patten.

Miss Dorothy Shaw, of Warwick, N. Y., is visiting Miss Anna Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Keplinger are visiting relatives and friends on the Eastern Shore.

Mrs. Nellie Wagner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Thompson, Bayside, Long Island.

Mrs. Cyrus Zimmerman, of Palmyra, visited her son, M. U. Zimmerman and family during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marker, of Georgetown, Del., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Roberson, of Freehold, New Jersey, were week-end guests of Rising Sun relatives.

Mrs. Carrie Cameron and Rowland Keilholz, of Perry Point, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Chas. M. Keilholz.

The Komrade Klub was entertained on Thursday evening by Miss Verna Grason, at her home on Cherry Street.

Mrs. Clara Holden and Mrs. Lidle Smith entertained the Presbyterian Missionary Societies Thursday afternoon last, at the home of Mrs. Smith.

Miss Anna Jackson and Mr. Clarence Robinson, both of North East, were quietly married in Baltimore on June 5. They will make their home at Coloma.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Craig Cameron of North East announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Stanley L. Schaus of Owego, New York. No date has been set for the wedding.

Lieutenant-Colonel N. T. Kirk and family, spent last week with his brother, Job W. Kirk and wife in Rising Sun. Lieut.-Col. Kirk has been stationed in the Philippines for the past two years, with the U. S. Medical Corps, and has been granted a three months leave, which he will spend at Montauk, Long Island, before going to Letterman Hospital, San Francisco, California, where he has been assigned at the head of the surgical corps of the Hospital.

Several parties have been given the past week at which Miss Shirley Evans Ewing was the guest of honor. In celebration of her approaching marriage tomorrow afternoon. On Friday Mrs. Horace M. Duyckinck and daughter Mrs. Thomas Knowles, tendered Miss Ewing a surprise variety shower. Three tables of bridge were played, and when the honor guest opened her prize package the shower was revealed. Much merriment was occasioned at the bride-elect's surprise at the profusion of useful and beautiful gifts.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Dorothy Cameron tendered a three table bridge party in honor of the same occasion, and on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. R. C. Dodson also gave a beautifully appointed bridge party, at which three tables were played.

## ANDERSON—LaBELL

Miss Marie Jane LaBell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaBell of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. Charles W. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson, of near Calvert, Cecil county, were quietly married at the home of the bride on Sunday, June fourteenth.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will reside in Brooklyn, where the groom is affiliated with the Long Island College Hospital.

## DIETZ—LIESKE

Miss Matilda Lieske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lieske, of Rising Sun, and Mr. Michael Dietz, of Havre de Grace, were married Wednesday morning, June 17, at 9 o'clock at the rectory of St. Patrick's Church, Havre de Grace, by the pastor, Rev. William M. Canning. The attendants were Mr. Francis Eustis, of Aberdeen, and Miss Anna Lieske, sister of the bride. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dietz left on a motor trip and upon their return will reside at 658 Otsego street, Havre de Grace.

As the ceremony was being performed and when the bridal party was leaving the rectory Mr. Dietz and his bride were saluted several times from the air by aviators from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, where he is employed.

About twenty-five World War veterans have received their bonus checks at the Rising Sun post office. The amount of the bonds received, ranging from \$100 to as high as \$1580, will aggregate about \$20,000.

## Killed In Crash With Gravel Truck

### Richard M. Balderston Meets Instant Death In Collision

Richard M. Balderston, a respected resident and business man of this town, met instant death on Monday, when the truck in which he was driving from his cottage at Carpenter's Point to his place of business in Rising Sun, was crashed into by a heavily laden gravel truck. The accident occurred between five and six o'clock in the morning, on the road between Blythedale and Battle Swamp.

The truck loaded with gravel, that crashed into Mr. Balderston's truck, was driven by Edgar Hopkins, of Port Deposit, and was evidently traveling at a high rate of speed.

Wheel tracks at the scene of the accident would indicate that Mr. Balderston had pulled to the side of the road to avoid a gravel truck, driven by William Burlin, when a second truck following close behind Burlin, and driven by Hopkins, crashed into the Balderston machine, mashing in the top and left side of the cab, and crushing Mr. Balderston, killing him instantly.

The deceased conducted a radio and electrical business in Rising Sun, but had been residing at Carpenter's Point for some months.

Richard M. Balderston was a son of Sara A. and the late Elwood Balderston, of Coloma, and was 35 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Rachel M. Balderston, daughter of Rev. T. P. McKee, and one daughter, Nancy, aged eight years; also his mother Sarah A. Balderston, and two brothers, Mark Balderston, professor of physics at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and Lloyd Balderston III, of Coloma.

Funeral services were held at the home of his brother Lloyd Balderston, Coloma, on Friday, Sixth Month, the 25th, at 2:30 p. m., and interment made in Friends burial ground, Coloma.

Coroner Jeffers, of Elkton, summoned the following jury of inquest: J. T. Cameron, foreman; H. W. Ewing, Lewis T. Garvin, Vernon B. Garvin, Curtis S. Reynolds, Theodore H. Brown, Stanley McVey, C. E. Marker, N. J. Reynolds, Walter M. Cameron, John E. Mackey, J. E. Tyson.

At the inquest Monday evening, held at the residence of J. E. Tyson, Harold E. Coburn, Esq., represented Hopkins, and declined to have him testify. William Burlin, driver of one of the gravel trucks, testified to having passed the truck being driven by Edgar Hopkins, and also to passing the Balderston truck, and was several hundred yards distant when the truck following him crashed with the other machine.

As there were no eye witnesses to the accident very little testimony was heard, and the jury rendered an open verdict to the effect that Balderston came to his death as the result of a collision with a truck driven by Hopkins.

Mr. Balderston was a member of the recently organized Rising Sun Burial Association, and his is the second death to occur in the organization.

## LANCASTER AND CHESTER COUNTY POSTMASTERS

The U. S. Senate has approved the appointment of four postmasters in Lancaster county, Pa., and two in Chester county. The appointments approved are: Adam L. Winters, Holtwood; Charles J. Bennett, Mount Joy; Harry B. Wimer, Quarryville; Charles W. Johnson, Strasburg; Florence I. Kurtz, Elverson, and William R. Kimble, Nottingham.

Mr. Wimer, at Quarryville, will succeed A. M. Wade, who has filled the office satisfactorily a number of years.

## CERTIFIED PRESS ASSOCIATION

Editors of approximately forty weekly newspapers in Maryland and Virginia met in Easton on June 15, and formed the Certified Press Association, an affiliate of the Maryland Press Association. The group is an outgrowth of three years of study made by a sub-committee of the Maryland Press Association. Pete Stromberg, of Ellicott City, is chairman of the committee.

The new association has for its aim the securing of foreign advertising—advertising other than that secured from local concerns—for publication in weekly newspapers. All weeklies will be analyzed and the result submitted to foreign advertisers.