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Tubercular Negroes Endanger State

More Funds Are Wanted For Sanatoria For Diseased Colored People

Tuberculosis among the Negroes of Maryland, officials of the State's sanatorium system told the State Senate Finance Committee, is at a high enough rate to present a grave menace to the entire population, white and colored.

Dr. Victor F. Cullen, superintendent of State sanatoriums, and Dr. H. Warren Buckler, chairman of the board of managers of the sanatorium at Sabillasville, told the committee large numbers of Negro patients were so far gone with the disease when they were found that they died on the way to hospitals, or in the long waiting period that must precede hospitalization under the present system.

"These desperately ill Negroes," said Dr. Buckler, "work in many cases in homes as domestics, in laundries and in other such places, where they have close contact with the white population as well as the colored."

"Many are 'open' cases, cases in which the risk of contagion is grave. We are doing all we can to isolate them at present, but more must be done to remove this menace."

The officials revealed to the committee that they have requested \$332,000 for new construction. They said they hoped Governor Nice would include the item in his budget, and they appeared before the committee to ask that it be kept intact if the Governor does include it.

Of the \$332,000, only one small item of \$2,500 was asked for increase of facilities available for white patients. All the rest was for additions to facilities for Negroes.

The institution at Henderson, the State's Negro sanatorium, would get most of the money. Maintenance costs for the coming fiscal year for all institutions, both white and colored, would be \$584,930, the official said. This figure would include restoration of all salary cuts.

FIFTH MARYLAND POULTRY PRODUCTS SHOW

More than 280 dozen eggs and 1,350 baby chicks vied for honors in the fifth Maryland Poultry Show, which was held in Baltimore on January 12 to 14 in connection with the annual meetings of the State Poultry Council, the Farm Bureau, and other farm organizations.

The Maryland Agricultural Society sweptstakes trophy for the best entry of eggs in the show went to Hines Poultry Farm, Olney, Md., on an entry of brown eggs which scored 99 1/2 points in the breeders' class.

The sweepstakes trophy for chicks, also offered by the Maryland Agricultural Society, was won by J. R. Eddington, Federalsburg, Md., an entry of Barred-Cross chicks in the dealers' class.

The President's trophy for best exhibit by a county poultry association was won by the Baltimore county association with an entry of five dozen. Harford county 4-H Club members were awarded first honors in their class and the best five-dozen exhibit of eggs by F. F. A. chapters was shown by the Poolesville high school group of Montgomery county.

Unusual interest was attracted by a preserved Chinese egg that was more than 100 years old, which was loaned for display for James M. Givin, of Philadelphia.

IMPORTATION OF RED CLOVER IMPERILS QUALITY OF SEED

Importation of red clover seed in quantity—probably from 15 to 20 million pounds before planting time, or approximately half of the total domestic supply—is considered a definite hazard to the quality of future seed stocks of red clover, says E. A. Hollowell, clover specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Most of this foreign clover seed is selling at 8 to 10 cents a pound less than the short supply of domestic seed. The farmer, says Hollowell, may choose any one of three courses. He may buy the cheap foreign seed, the higher-priced domestic seed, or substitute other grasses and legumes in place of the red clover. But he would be wiser to choose. Hollowell emphasizes, between the higher priced domestic seed or substituting some other legumes in mixtures with grasses. Cheap and unadapted foreign seed would be costly at any price, and is a poor choice.

Short Paragraphs

Joe Sipala has purchased the Strickland property, in Elkton, and will occupy it as a dwelling after it has been improved.

The Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club will hold its Seventh Annual Banquet on Friday evening, February 5, in North East High School building.

The Pennsylvania railroad signal tower at Edgewood was burned on Sunday night of last week. The fire was caused by gas explosion in the heater.

Rev. Charles Chadlee, recently elected Moderator of New Castle Presbytery, occupied the pulpit of West Nottingham Presbyterian church on Sunday last.

The second annual amateur radio show, sponsored by Cecil Post No. 15, will be held in the Elkton Army on the evening of February 9. Entries are coming in fast and a varied line of musical and other talent is assured.

Samuel Devonshire, 55, of Port Deposit, was released on \$1,000 on a charge of possession of liquor on which no tax had been paid. Flora Torbert, also of the Port Deposit section, who was arrested with Devonshire, will be given a hearing on the same charge.

In the absence of Rev. Frank White, pastor of Rising Sun M. E. Church, who is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, Rev. J. C. McCoy, of Newport, Del., a former pastor here, occupied the pulpit Sunday morning last, and was warmly greeted by many of his friends.

HOLD UP THAT FAILED

Miss Mae McFadden, a member of Rising Sun Elementary School faculty, met with an unexpected and nerve-racking road experience on Saturday morning.

While enroute in her car from her home near Woodlawn, to Perryville, she was stopped near Asbury Church by a man who had gotten out of his car, left parked along the roadside.

The man stood in the middle of the road, stopping Miss McFadden, and informed her that one of the wheels of her car was about to come off. He said he thought he could drive the car safely to Perryville, and opened the door and started to get in with Miss McFadden. The young lady, however, seemed to think if the car could be driven she would do the driving, and pushed the stranger from the running board, stepped on the gas, and left him "waiting at the church."

On reaching Perryville Miss McFadden stopped at a garage, reported the occurrence, and had her car looked over by a mechanic, who assured her it was not in need of repair.

Who the stranger was, or what his purpose, is not known, as no trace of him could be found.

FUNDS FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

A petition for funds for flood sufferers was circulated in Rising Sun Tuesday afternoon, and the response was generous. Within a few hours about \$100 was collected. On Wednesday morning this sum was telegraphed to Ralph C. Gifford, son of Mrs. D. L. Gifford, of Zion, Cecil county, who is president of one of the National Banks of Louisville, Kentucky, where flood conditions are desperate.

About noon Wednesday a Red Cross truck, enroute to Columbus, Ohio, stopped in Rising Sun and took on clothing, bedding, and other articles that had been gathered together on short notice, for Ohio flood sufferers.

FIRE DAMAGES NEWSPAPER PLANT

Fire, believed to have been caused from an overheated stove, badly damaged the composing room of the Chestertown Transcript early Tuesday morning.

A composing table was destroyed along with a quantity of wood furniture, used in make-up work. A large number of standing forms as well as a considerable quantity of type was rendered useless by the heat which melted it. The damage is estimated at over \$2,000.

The Transcript, a weekly newspaper, is owned by R. H. Collins, Jr. and his brother, William S. Collins.

One is apt to make a fool of oneself acting smart.

Divorce is the cold lunch that follows love's banquet.

Line Painting Machine Marks Roads

New State Roads Device Will Mark Thirty Miles In Day

A line-painting machine, capable of marking around thirty miles of highway per day, has been placed in service by the State Roads Commission. The machine was designed and constructed in the Southern Avenue shops of the Commission in Baltimore.

First tests of the new device in Southern Maryland have been highly satisfactory, according to State roads engineers. Replacing a laborious and expensive hand operation in the painting of center-lines, it is expected that it will prove a boon to motorists on highways all over the State. Because of the narrowness and crookedness of many of the State's main arteries, they are difficult to follow at night, and particularly in fog, without center-lines.

The line-painter is mounted on a small truck. It has three paint tanks of 55-gallon capacity each—one for white, one for yellow and one for black paint. Selection of colors can be made instantaneously. Three pumps control the flow of paint to nozzles, which spread the paint uniformly as to thickness and width.

Prior to the painting of a road, daubs of paint are placed along the center at 15-foot intervals. The driver of the machine keeps a set of sights focussed on these spots and thus is able to steer a true course. Compensation is made in the sights for running a true center-line around curves.

After a few changes to be made in the design of the paint pump, the line-painter will go into service over the State. A number of roads already have been marked out for painting.

"We believe the addition of a line-painting machine of our own invention to the equipment list will add greatly to safety on our highways," said a statement of the State Roads Commission. "Besides eliminating a slow and dangerous operation of hand painting the lines, the machine multiplies the lineage many times."

CHILDRENS AID REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES LIONS CLUB

The guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Lions Club, on Thursday evening last, was Miss Marian Rau, representative of the Maryland Childrens Aid Society. Miss Rau has for her field of work Cecil, Kent, Harford and Queen Anne counties, and in her talk gave an interesting outline of the activities of the Childrens Aid Society since its organization, and the wonderful work being accomplished in the care and placing of dependent children in homes where they will have the same advantages as those of the more fortunate ones.

The District Officers Association of the Twenty-second District of Lions Clubs will be entertained by the Rising Sun Lions Club on Thursday evening, April 15. The Association embraces about seventy-five members.

CECIL TEACHER INJURED IN CRASH

Miss Elizabeth Hagen, of Centreville, a member of the faculty of the Chesapeake City and Elkton High Schools is in the Elkton Hospital suffering from injuries to her hip and a fractured skull sustained when her automobile was struck by a truck near Chesapeake City.

Miss Hagen was enroute from the Elkton school to the Chesapeake school for her classes when the accident occurred. She was removed to the hospital, and it is stated that she will probably be under treatment for several weeks.

Miss Hagen is the daughter of Mrs. Katherine Hagen, of Centreville, and the late Charles Hagen. She was graduated from Western Maryland College last June, and has been teaching Science, Mathematics and Physical Education in the two institutions.

SERVICE BY BLIND PREACHER

Rev. John B. Cunningham, the blind preacher of the South, will preach in Port Deposit Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 11:00 a. m. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Va., and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and is an outstanding preacher.

Penal System Needs Are Cited

In Annual Report Submitted To Board Of Welfare

Unless some solution is found for the idleness in the prisons of Maryland, the "present situation cannot do other than increase our problems, not only criminal but mental," Harold E. Donnell, State Superintendent of Prisons, warned in his annual report to Charles J. Butler, chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Mr. Donnell drew attention to a number of needs and situations existing in the penal system of Maryland. Among them were:

The two principal institutions (Penitentiary and House of Correction), were overcrowded last year to the extent of 664 inmates.

Completion of the penal farm at Roxbury would care for 750 inmates instead of the present capacity of 250.

A separate unit at the Western Maryland institution for the treatment of tuberculous cases among the inmates is suggested, since fourteen of the twenty deaths in the penal institutions in the State resulted from this disease.

Completion of the penal farm will permit proper classification and segregation of Maryland's 3,000 prisoners.

With the present personnel (small in number and low in wages), it is impossible to institute any constructive program in the prisons.

If the Government does not continue to sponsor the educational program in the prisons, some provisions must be made by the State for the more youthful and trainable inmate population.

A higher salary for the guards is urged "if we are going to do other than just keep men confined."

TOTAL OF SEAL SALES

The results of the Christmas Seal sale in both city and counties have been very good to date and the chances of the state reaching the goal set are excellent, William B. Matthews, Managing Director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association reported. "Of course," Mr. Matthews said, "much depends upon those who have postponed sending their contributions in. If these persons respond favorably within the next few weeks, the desired sum will be reached and the necessary funds for continuing the state-wide fight against tuberculosis will be available."

The total of the sales reported to date amounts to \$21,869.38. Of this sum Cecil county contributed \$380.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE HEAD HONORED

Washington College, Chestertown, Md., received signal honor in the election of President Gilbert W. Mead to represent the Association of American Colleges in the American Council on Education. The election is for three years.

President Mead received this distinction at the recent annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges, which met this year in Washington College has been for some years a member, includes approximately five hundred colleges of liberal arts and sciences in all parts of the nation.

ENTERTAINED FARMERS' CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martinus, of near Appleton, entertained the January meeting of the Cecil Farmers' Club, at their home Wednesday last. H. Wilder Jackson, of Perryville, president of the club, presided, and addresses were made by Prof. Claude L. Phillips, of the University of Delaware; Prof. J. B. Conover, of the University of Maryland; J. Z. Miller, of Elkton, agricultural agent for Cecil County.

LANDSLIDE BLOCKS CANAL TRAFFIC

The recent continual rains caused a big landslide along the banks of the Chesapeake & Delaware canal, near Summit Bridge, last week. The banks gave way, sliding into the canal and completely blocking traffic through the waterway. The Government officials closed the canal to traffic and dispatched a dredge to pump out the mud. No one was injured.

TICE GRANTED BEER LICENSE

The Board of License Commissioners has granted a beer license to Linton W. Tice, of the Ninth District. Several witnesses were heard on both sides of the question, but the Commissioners decided they could not legally withhold the license.

Personal And Social

Miss Louise Worthington has been visiting her sister, Mrs. William Workman and family, Mt. Joy, Pa.

The Young Ladies Contract Club was entertained on Monday evening by Miss Emily Blake. Three tables were played. High score honors were awarded Mrs. Horace Ringler.

The wedding of Elsie Elizabeth Dempsey, of Oakwood, and Arthur Collins Butler, Oxford, Pa., took place recently. The bride is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dempsey, Oakwood.

Among our residents who attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg last week were Ralph T. Wilson, Elsha Kirk, Howard R. Brown, Levi Balderston, Wm. E. Rea, Wm. T. Dinsmore, Clayton McDowell and George Kepler.

WILLIAMS—TROTTA

Miss Jessie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Williams, of Elkton, and Mr. Anthony J. Trotta, of Wilmington, were married in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Elkton, Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. W. Albinston. The wedding was attended by the bride's parents and a few friends. The young couple will live in Elkton.

BANK OFFICIALS CHOSEN AT ANNUAL ELECTION

The First National Bank of North East at their annual election on Tuesday, January 12, elected the following directors: R. G. Underwood, Andrew Anderson, P. J. Smith, Alex McDaniel, George Wingate, William Blake and R. C. Reeder. The officers elected President, R. G. Underwood; Vice President and Cashier, R. C. Reeder; Assistant Cashier, Walter Wilson; Teller, Mrs. Edith Foster; Bookkeeper, Miss Mary Collins.

Dr. W. G. Jack, of Rowlandsville, was re-elected president of Cecil National Bank, Port Deposit, at the stockholders' meeting. Pierre Le Brun, Vice President; James Touchstone, Cashier; Dean Moore, Secretary, and Chester T. Kimble, former Sheriff G. Clinton Logan, Robert L. Stebbings and Miss R. Estella Buchanant, Directors.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Orner Preston, 27, and Kenneth Jones, 26, both of Farmington, were arrested Tuesday last by Deputy Sheriff Elwood Racine, charged with the theft of furs, calves and chickens from various parties in the upper section of the county, and a motor truck from Biles and Cameron at Rising Sun. Preston waived a hearing and was released under bond of \$1,000. Jones is being held in jail for a hearing before Magistrate Miller.

HURT WHEN STALLED CAR STARTS

Charles Nichols, Negro, 45 years old, of St. Augustine section, is in a critical condition in Union Hospital, Elkton, with a fractured spine, several broken ribs and internal injuries, suffered when his car which had been mired in the mud in his lane and which was being pulled by a pair of mules, suddenly started up and ran over his body.

PRESENTS CHURCH WITH PICTURE

"Seventh Station of the Cross," a highly prized picture that dates back to 1848, has been presented to St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, North East, by Dr. and Mrs. J. Norman Henry, whose summer home, "Pine Creek Farm," is located near that town. The picture is a copy of the masterpiece now hanging in the art-gallery at Florence, Italy.

HELD FOR FORGERY CHARGE

Lyle Shaefer, of Perryville, is being held in the Elkton jail for a hearing on a charge of forgery, while Mrs. Edith Jackson, also of Perryville, was released under \$500 bond pending a hearing on the same charge. Both were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Elwood Racine.

TWENTY-ONE COMPLETE RED CROSS TRAINING

Twenty-one students will be awarded certificates upon completion of the Red Cross Junior First Aid Course for leaders of New Castle County 4-H Clubs. Classes were held at the University of Delaware, Newark, under the instruction of Arthur M. Potter, and under the direction of Miss Laura B. Rutherford.

Nice Submits Budget To Legislature

Gov. Tells General Assembly New Revenue Sources Must Be Found

With a 7,000-word message in which he sought to justify diversion of highway funds to general governmental purposes, Governor Nice on Monday night submitted to the General Assembly his budget for 1938-1939, carrying appropriations and allocations that total \$70,566,036.99.

Appropriations from the general treasury amount to \$28,887,942.79 for the two-year period—\$14,321,529.69 for 1938, and \$14,566,413.10 for 1939.

Allocations from special revenues aggregate \$20,528,533.23 for next year and \$21,239,560.98 for 1939, or a total of \$41,768,094.20.

The budget of appropriations, which amount to mandatory drafts on the State Treasury, was brought into balance by the diversion of \$7,000,345.00 in motor vehicle and gasoline tax revenue into the general fund accounts.

All allocations made from the revenue in special funds are contingent upon the collection and realization of the estimated yield of these special taxes—estimated for 1938-1939 at \$49,511,642.45.

In addition to the regular budget, the Governor laid before the legislature a list of appropriations that he would approve if the Assembly passed additional revenue measures or voted an increase of approximately 2 1/2 cents in the State tax rate over the present 22 1/2 cent figure.

With this list of appropriations he would make if the Legislature provides the revenue—totaling \$9,981,536.98 for the biennium—the Governor announced that he was opposed to any increase in the State tax rate, but "suggested" some new sources.

They were a wholesalers' tax on gasoline and lubricating oil, legalized bookmaking, dog-racing, levies on cigarettes and cigars, drugs and patent medicines, soft drinks, retail sales, utilities, incomes, bank checks, daily newspapers, periodicals and weekly newspapers, the sale of radio equipment, on radio receiving sets and an increase in the inheritance taxes.

POCKET-BILLIARD EXPERT AT HANNA'S

For fifteen years "Patsy" Natalie has been one of the leading pocket-billiard players of the world, and has played in all the championship tournaments held for the title over that period. He has repeatedly won elimination and qualifying tournaments to gain his right to play in these title tilts, and in 1928 finished third to Taberski and Greenleaf for the world's honors. In 1932 he won the Northern Sectional tournament, against a representative field.

Mr. Natalie will meet "Dick" Dinsmore, local pocket expert, in a match of 125 points, at the local parlors, on Saturday evening, January 30, and in selecting "Dick" to oppose Natalie, Hanna, proprietor of the local cue parlor, assures all pocket fans that the visitor will be extended to win.

There is also the possibility that Wanda Natalie, 13 year old daughter of National Program Star, will treat the fans attending this exhibition to a short display of her ability on the green baize.

Her appearance depends upon whether or not she will be traveling with her father and mother in this section of their tour. She is the world's youngest pocket-billiard star of either sex, and runs two frames as easily as the ordinary player runs two balls.

Mr. Natalie has an enviable reputation as an instructor and organizer. He will show you anything you want to know, calculated to improve your game. He is the most painstaking, tireless instructor in the game. He will conclude his exhibition with a different array of trick shots. Admission will be free.

WINS TRAPSHOOTING HONORS

Maryland's State champion for the last three years, D. F. Beck, Havre de Grace, won additional honors in 1936, official statistics released by Ray Loring, manager of the Amateur Trapshooting Association, show.

Beck led the State's shooters in the 1936 averages by missing only 60 targets out of a total of 1,769.