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## Maryland Press Association Meets

### Officers Elected—Trophy Is Awarded—Governor Niece Addresses Editors

The Maryland Press Association at its fortieth annual meeting held at Annapolis on Wednesday, elected David S. Jenkins of Annapolis president and decided The Easton Star Democrat had the best made up front page of any weekly in the state.

Mr. Jenkins, publisher of the Evening Capital and the Maryland Gazette, succeeded Samuel E. Shannahan, who is publisher of the Star Democrat. Shannahan has been an officer of the association for 25 years.

A committee of three Annapolis newspapermen judged the contest for the best front page. As the first place winner, Shannahan received a trophy cup from P. G. Stromberg, of Elkton City, president of the Certified Press Association, which directed the contest.

First honorable mention went to the Towson Jeffersonian, of which Legie Bennett is publisher.

Other officers named by the association were: L. M. Moore, of Havre de Grace, first vice-president; R. H. Collins, of Chestertown, secretary-treasurer; Robert Kucera, of Annapolis, assistant secretary-treasurer; C. L. Vincent, of Snow Hill; Edwin Warfield and John E. Roberts, of Baltimore, members of the board of governors.

After a luncheon, attended by 36 newspaper men and guests, the association heard addresses by several legislators and officials. The speakers included: Gov. Harry W. Nice, Speaker Emanuel Gorfine of the House of Delegates; Senator Arthur H. Brice, Kent county; Senator Milton L. Veasey, Worcester county, and Frank Sherman, general manager of the Annapolis-Matapeake-Claiborne ferry.

### SENATORS FIGHT BALTIMORE'S GAS TAX SHARE

#### Seven Of Shore Senators Sign Bill To Reduce City's Share

A county versus city fight, such as that which deadlocked the General Assembly for days in 1933, was opened Monday night in the Senate over the gasoline and motor-vehicle revenues.

Fourteen county senators—one less than a necessary majority—introduced a bill that would cut Baltimore's share of the motor revenues approximately \$767,000 below what they are now. Seven of the 14 senators are from Eastern Shore counties.

The State Roads Commission would not receive any of these funds, but they would be pro-rated among the 23 counties on the existing scale of allocations.

Baltimore's share—on the basis of current figures—would be dropped from \$2,467,000 to \$1,700,000, while this difference would be added to the approximate current county allocations of \$1,669,861.

Signers of the bill were: Senator Davis (Rep., Caroline); Senator Veasey (Dem., Worcester); Senator Miller (Rep., Washington); Senator Baile (Rep., Carroll); Senator Cobburn (Dem., Cecil); Senator Higgins (Dem., Dorchester); Senator Lloyd (Rep., Wicomico); Senator Donovan (Dem., Howard); Senator Le Gore (Rep., Frederick); Senator Brice (Dem., Kent); Senator Cooksen (Rep., Charles); Senator Wilson (Dem., Talbot); Senator Kimble (Rep., Allegany); Senator Friend (Rep., Garrett).

### FUNDS FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Mrs. H. E. McBride, chairman at Chesapeake City, for the Red Cross announces the sum of \$535 collected for the flood relief. Practically everyone in Chesapeake City and vicinity contributed either personally or through whatever organization or society to which they belong. The employees of the Arundel Corporation gave \$150; the Atlantic Gulf & Pacific Dredging Company \$2.00, and the Continental Company \$50 to the worthy cause.

### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PERRYVILLE MECHANICS

Perryville Council, Jr. Order United American Mechanics will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its organization on Thursday evening, February 25, in their hall in Perryville. The State Councilor and other state officials will attend. A literary and musical program will be given and refreshments served.

## Short Paragraphs

The date selected for the Chesapeake City firemen's carnival is from July 30th to August 8th.

The Elkton Odd Fellows' have selected May 27th to June 5th, inclusive, as the dates for holding their annual carnival.

While on her way to Memorial Hall, Port Deposit, Friday morning Miss Mary Miller slipped on the ice and fell, breaking her right arm.

Rising Sun firemen were called to Sylmar Tuesday morning to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of Edward Rock. No damage was done.

Cutting wood with a circular saw, at Sylmar, a stick flew and hit Walter Marshall on the forehead cutting a deep gash; a physician dressed the wound.

H. Wirt Bouchelle, of Elkton, has been elected a director of Union Hospital, Elkton, to fill the place made vacant by the death of William D. Bratton.

While chopping wood at the home of his parents in Havre de Grace, Freddie Fox, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fox, accidentally severed the ends of three of his fingers.

Charles Kline, of near Elkton, was injured about the neck and chest when he was struck by a piece of machinery at Elk Paper Plant, at Childs, on Thursday morning. He was taken to Union Hospital.

Hugh Welsh, of Sylmar, hauling brewer's grain, from near Philadelphia, was fined \$50 and cost, his truck being overloaded. Welsh decided to spend time in West Chester jail rather than pay the bill.

Vernon Sprague, of Oxford, Pa., attempted suicide Thursday morning. He went to the cellar and inflicted severe cuts on his arm. Sprague received medical attention and afterwards was taken to the county hospital at Embreville.

Through the efforts of Prof. Balog, of North East High School, an anti-Safety Club has been organized at North East, with Howard Gatchell, president; Delbert Clayton, vice president, and Creighton Heisler, secretary-treasurer.

The annual Major Doe Show, held in the Elkton Armory Wednesday night, under the auspices of Cecil Post, American Legion, was a success. There was a large attendance and the participants, all of whom were amateurs, took their parts well.

A. C. Wilson, of Oxford, Strout Realty Representative, has sold for Elk Township School Board the closed school house known as Mt. Rocky to Mr. Charles W. Reed of Philadelphia. Mr. Reed will re-model the school house into a bungalow for a summer home.

The Cecil County Bar Association, in special session at Elkton on Wednesday afternoon, adopted a resolution on the President's proposal on the Supreme Court, opposing the plan to change the present system without referendum on a constitutional amendment.

The Community Fire Co., of Rising Sun has received a check for \$10 from Mrs. Mabel K. Peters in appreciation of the firemen's work in extinguishing a chimney fire that threatened serious consequences to the dwelling occupied by Jed Barton, tenant on the farm of Miss Olevis Keilholtz, at Cathers Corner.

### JAPANESE BEETLES ON THE JOB EARLY

Mrs. Norris Cameron, of Rising Sun, while sitting at her desk on Tuesday afternoon happened to glance up, and there above the radiator, on the lower part of the window-pane two Japanese beetles were perched, seemingly peering out and enjoying the first real snowstorm of the winter.

Mrs. Cameron has a large rubber plant growing in a flower-pot, in the room, close by the window, and these beetles had evidently come out of the soil.

The question is, were these two beetles young ones that had hatched from eggs laid in the soil about the plant in the flower-pot when it was out doors last summer, or were they older ones that like the groundhog left their holes and came out to help forecast the weather for the coming weeks.

The plant was brought by Mrs. Cameron from Perry Point, when she moved to Rising Sun some months ago.

## School Attendance In Month Of January

### Averages Given By Attendance Officer Edwin Barnes

Edwin H. Barnes, attendance officer, reports the following averages for the month of January in the schools in Cecil county:

One Teacher Schools—Fingerboard, 98; New Valley, 98; Pilot, 97; Pierce's Neck, 95; Chapel, 93; Town Point, 92; New Bridge, 91; Blake, 91; Jefferson, Jackson, 90; Fair Hill, 89; Zion, 88; Pleasant Hill, 87; Liberty Grove, 85; Harts, 85; Johnson, 85; County Average, 84; Rowlandsville, 82; Union, 82; Wesley, 82; Charlestown, 81; Cherry Grove, 80; Marion, 79; Principio, 77; Oakwood, 73; Earleville, 72; Warwick, 70; Pond's Neck, 65.

Two Teacher Schools—Providence, 84; Elk Mills, 91; Cherry Hill, 89; Perry Point, 88; County Average, 88; Leeds, 86; Colora, 79.

Graded Schools—Elkton, 92; Rising Sun, 90; Calvert and Perryville, 88; County Average, 86; Chesapeake City, 84; North East, 80; Cecilton 77. High Schools—Kenmore, 95; Rising Sun, Perryville and Calvert, 93; Elkton, 92; County Average, 91; Cecilton, 90; Chesapeake City, 89; North East, 86.

Colored Schools—Wilson, 96; North East, 93; Conowingo and Elkton, 86; Chesapeake City, 82; Manor, 81; County Average, 80; Port Deposit, 79; Cedar Hill, 76; Cecilton, 73; Cokesbury, 54; Elkton Colored High School, 55.

### BI-STATE LEAGUE REORGANIZES

#### Preparing For 1937 Base Ball Season—Four New Clubs Invited To Join

The Bi-State Base Ball League was reorganized for the coming season at a meeting held on Feb. 14 at the Colonial Inn, Aberdeen.

Clarence Rutledge, of Newark, Del., was elected president, and Lee Johnson, of Havre de Grace, secretary and treasurer.

Newark was represented by Cleve Potts; Perryville by Taylor R. Biles; Providence by Reynolds Mackey; Aberdeen by Paul Cronin; Havre de Grace by Mr. McVey; Elkton by Mr. Anderson.

Four clubs remained as members: Newark, Perryville, Providence and Havre de Grace, and invitations were extended to Bel Air, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Fort Dupont and Middletown, Del., to join.

The next meeting has been called for Feb. 28, and will be held in the Fire Company Club Room, Rising Sun, at two o'clock in the afternoon. A circuit of six teams will be selected at this meeting, the playing schedule arranged and umpires appointed.

DON COLE, Pub. Director.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, Feb. 9th. 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 January 12th were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

Dates for the Spring Athletic Meets were approved as follows—White schools, Friday, May 28th; Colored schools, Saturday, April 17th.

The resignation of Miss Julia R. Spaulding as assistant in the Elkton Colored High School was received and accepted by the Board.

The appointment of Miss Aileen F. Koger as assistant in the Elkton Colored High School was approved.

A delegation from the First District appeared before the Board regarding the establishment of a bus route to transport colored high school children from that District to Elkton. The Board agreed to make provision for this in their next budget.

### MECHANIC PINNED BENEATH TRUCK

While making repairs to one of the trucks owned by the John M. McCool Company, in their garage at Elkton, on Wednesday morning, Millard Karl narrowly escaped being crushed to death. He was caught between the body and chassis, when, in some manner, the hydraulic release was tripped. Seeing he was unable to clear himself he managed to throw the trip which stopped. He was pinned in such position he remained until several men heard his cries and rushed to his rescue. He escaped without being seriously injured.

## Worthless Curs Raid Sheep Fold

### Kill Fifteen Sheep And Nine Lambs On Conrey Farm

Benjamin Roff, residing on the Frank Conrey farm in the Chesapeake City district, Wednesday found that stray dogs had killed 15 sheep and nine lambs some time during the night. The carcasses of all the animals were found scattered about the enclosed barnyard, several of them badly mangled.

The owners of the dogs have not been learned, but steps have been taken to kill the invaders. A trait of sheep-killing dogs is for them to return. Watchmen with shotguns will lay in wait for them.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

#### Mutual Fire Insurance Company Of Cecil County Elects Managers

At the annual meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cecil county, held at the office in Elkton, officers for the ensuing year and nine managers were elected. The following were chosen:

John H. Kimble, Port Deposit; Joseph T. Tyson, Rising Sun; Harvey H. Mackey, Providence; Dr. H. A. Cantwell, North East; James F. Evans, Elkton; Harry H. Howard, Chesapeake City; S. Willis Lusby, Cecilton; Dr. W. T. Morrison, Elkton, and Wm. Sterling Evans, Elkton.

John H. Kimble was reelected president, William Sterling Evans secretary and treasurer, and Fred Poole assistant secretary and treasurer.

### WINTER'S HEAVIEST SNOW

The winter's heaviest snow fell on Tuesday, covering the ground to a depth of probably between three and four inches. It began snowing about eight o'clock in the morning, continuing most of the day, the wet snow clinging to everything, transforming every tree and bush into a thing of winter beauty.

In the afternoon the high wind swirled the snow about, causing drifts in some sections. The Star-Roads plow was on the job early, making frequent trips and preventing drifts on the main highways.

Wednesday morning the mercury registered eighteen degrees.

### CECIL COUNTY FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cecil County National Farm Loan Association was held at the Progressive Club Building, Elkton, on February 8. This was one of the largest attended meetings of the association since its organization in 1918, there being 60 members and their friends present. The following members were elected to serve as directors for 1937: Jacob C. Bailiff, of North East; Henry M. McIntire, of Elkton; D. Thomas Stump, of Childs; Ira A. Moore, of Elkton, and Holden S. Ireland, of Chesapeake City.

### TAX ASSESSORS APPOINTED

The Commissioners of Cecil County have appointed the following tax assessors for the various districts:

First district: William Black; Second district, George W. Thornton; Third district, Victor Taylor; Fourth district, Arthur J. Willis, Fifth district, C. W. Purner; Sixth district, George A. Boyd; Seventh district, Wade Goodman and Philip R. Bond; Ninth district, Walter Martindale. The annual pick-up assessment is under the direction of George K. Houck, State Supervisor.

### CECIL COUNTY GOES OVER THE TOP

Mrs. A. Victor Davis, chairman of the Cecil County Unit of the Red Cross, reported that cash gifts for the flood sufferers to date amounted to \$1639, exceeding the quota by \$400. The last shipment of clothing was sent on Thursday. Mrs. Davis also announces that no more clothing will be received.

### DUCKS UNLIMITED ORGANIZATION

A dinner-meeting will be held in Chesapeake City Friday night, Feb. 19, by the Ducks Unlimited, an organization in a nation-wide plan to increase the supply of wild fowl. Dr. William A. Fisher, of Baltimore, chairman for Maryland; Philip G. Wilmer, mayor of Chestertown, and vice-chairman for the Eastern Shore, and Mayor Henry H. Mitchell of Elkton, will participate in the meeting.

## Personal And Social

Miss Anna Haines, of Dickinson Seminary, and Ruth Wilson, of Hood College, Frederick, were home for the week-end.

Mrs. Sara Wagner and Miss Isabel Pogue are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Thompson, of Long Island, New York.

Rev. Frank White, who is a patient in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, is improving, following an operation for gall trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kennard entertained a number of friends at cards on Thursday evening last, in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mr. Kennard.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Aiken entertained at six o'clock dinner Saturday evening, Feb. 13th, in honor of the birthdays of Miss Dorothy Keilholtz, Mr. Marion Lee Patterson and Mr. Melvin Gorrell. The table was beautifully decorated, the color scheme carried out in yellow and white.

Those present to enjoy the occasion were Misses Helen Sentman, Dorothy Keilholtz and Catherine Keilholtz, Messrs. Samuel Aiken, Jr., Melvin Gorrell, Marion Lee and Carl Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Foley, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Aiken.

### McMULLEN—SANTMYER

Miss Jean Gladys Santmyer daughter of Officer Clifford Santmyer and the late Mollie Walker Santmyer, and Mr. Wilbur McMullen, Jr., of Princeton Furnace, Cecil county, were married in Elkton on Monday, February 8, by Rev. Mr. Cope. The bride was graduated from the Havre de Grace High School in 1933.

They will reside in Havre de Grace, where the groom is employed at Fordwood's Service Station, Revolution street.

### SALISBURY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES

#### ES HONOR STUDENTS

Twenty-nine of the two hundred students at the State Teachers College at Salisbury have been listed as having made an average grade of "B" or better during the first semester of 1936-37. The list follows: Seniors—Samuel Carey, Salisbury; Louise Parker, Salisbury; Helen Smith, Baltimore. Juniors—Louise S. Adkins, Newark; Catherine G. Bradley, Fruitland; Jerome Fletcher, Waldorf; Virginia Holsinger, Ridgeley; Lillian Hough, Seneca; Emily C. Morris, and Elizabeth Owens, Salisbury. Sophomores—Lee Burton and Robert Doenges, Cambridge; Lillian Hutchison, Queen Anne; Victor Laws, Herman Perdue and Beatrice Sherman, Parsonsburg; Ira Todd, Crisfield. Freshmen—Helen Adkins, Salisbury; Edward Bradford, Willards; John J. Bunting, Salisbury; William Champin, Cambridge; Dorothy Delahay, Oxford; Imogene Gordy, Delmar; Nancy Kline, Hillsboro; Hunter Mann and Anna Janet Parker, Salisbury; Kathylee Pusey, Crisfield; Harold Sherwell, Parsonsburg, and Henry P. White, Jr., Delmar.

### FEB. MEETING OF W. C. T. U.

The February meeting of the Rising Sun W. C. T. U. was held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11th, 2 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Louise Brokaw, Mrs. Edith Henry, presiding. The Leader of Devotions was Mrs. Jean Shepherd; Singing, "Lead On O King Eternal;" Scripture Reading, Psalm 11; Prayer by leader; Singing, "Some Glad Day." Minutes were read and approved. The beautiful quilt, presented to the Union by Mrs. Edith Henry and quilted by Mrs. Addie Clayton, was much admired and announced for sale. Director of Literature asked for subscriptions to White Ribbon Herald and Young Crusader, now due. Miss Bertha Balderston gave her report of recent dry law legislation, and said at the request of the State Executive Committee she had consented to act as County President for the rest of the year, in place of Miss Bertha Tyson, who had been elected State President.

The program followed, Mrs. Clara B. Keen, leader. Reading, "Frances Willard, Example of Character Education." "In Memoriam" read by Mrs. Ann Haines. Singing. Adjourned. During the social hour refreshments were served by the committee, Mrs. Brokaw, Mrs. Jennie Taylor, Mrs. Jean Shepherd, Mrs. Ann Roberson.

The Elkton Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of the merchants of Elkton, have made plans to hold a Dollar Day in April, the date to be selected later.

## Rules Boy Must Attend School

### Given Choice Of Attending Elkton High School Or Going To Reformatory

Joseph Baker, 15 year old Elkton youth, son of the Rev. Joseph T. Baker, one of Elkton's marrying parsons, faced Magistrate Walter C. Miller, last week, on a charge of being a habitual and incorrigible truant, and was given the choice of either returning to his classes in the freshman year at the Elkton high school or being committed to a reformatory school for an indefinite period. He chose the former and is now attending school under probation.

Several weeks ago the father was fined \$5 by Magistrate Miller on a charge of not compelling his son to attend school. The minister stated he had ordered his son to resume his studies but that his request had not been carried out. Attendance Officer Edwin Barnes then had the boy arrested and brought before the Magistrate. This is the first time the full penalty of the law has been invoked in Cecil county in the enforcement of the State compulsory school attendance law. Young Baker is required to report to the office of the Attendance Officer each Saturday morning for an indefinite period to give an account of his attendance and conduct at school.

### PENAL LABOR ON MARYLAND ROADS

Use of penal labor on Maryland roads was urged upon members of the Senate Finance Committee by Harold L. Donnell, State Superintendent of Prisons.

Mr. Donnell, explaining the 1933-1934 budgets for the penal institutions, told the legislators that it is imperative that some means of employment be found at once for thousands now idle because of the Hawes-Cooper Act, and that road work would occupy a great portion of the prison population.

"I want it understood," Mr. Donnell asserted, "that I am opposed to hiring prisoners out to contractors, and to so-called chain gangs."

He said he believed a set-up could be created in the State Roads Department that would permit the utilization of convict labor on strictly Maryland feeder roads. He pointed out that prison labor could not be used on roads constructed or maintained from Federal highway grants.

Mr. Donnell was prompted to make his recommendation by a question from Senator Stedman Prescott (Dem., Montgomery), who asked if it was possible to put poisons on the roads with a reasonable amount of safety.

"I feel certain that right now I could select from 600 to 800 men who could be placed on road work without giving any trouble," Mr. Donnell said. "They would be picked men, the result of careful selection of case records that are available."

### JERSEY CATTLE CLUB PRIZE AWARDS

At the annual meeting and banquet of the Jersey Cattle Club of Cecil County, held at North East, the club's Secretary, William Elwood Locke, announced the winners in the 1936 contests as follows:

Prize of \$15 to the home-bred cow showing the highest production in milk and butterfat during the year, was awarded to Mr. F. G. McGrady, of Twin Pines on Sybils Olive of Hollins Farm, with a record of 9633 lbs. of milk and 539.6 lbs. of butterfat.

Prize of \$10 to the member winning the highest number of points in the show rings with home-bred cows, went to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Crowgey, of Elkton Farms.

Prize of \$5 to the highest scoring winning the highest number of points under the same conditions, went to H. Boynes Growgey, Jr. These two herds won a total of sixty-six ribbons with twelve championships.

Prize of \$5 to the highest scoring Novice 4-H Club Boy resulted in a tie between Ralph George and Robert Welmer.

A carnival of side shows, vaudeville entertainment, dancing and Bingo will be held in the North East High School auditorium, February 26th and 27th. The carnival will be sponsored by the North East High School for the spring athletic fund.

Two of the dancing amateurs of the recent Major Does program given in Elkton will participate in the entertainment.