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Sportsmen Gather At Chesapeake City

To Promote Conservation And Increased Propagation Of Wild Ducks

More than 200 sportsmen of Cecil, Queen Anne's and Kent counties gathered at a banquet at Chesapeake City Saturday night, to promote conservation and increased propagation of wild ducks for Maryland hunters.

Phillips G. Wilmer, mayor of Chestertown, was in charge of the affair. It was sponsored by associates of the state organization of the Ducks Unlimited, a subsidiary of More Game Birds of America.

The speakers included Dr. William A. Fisher, Baltimore physician, and William A. Dixon, also of Baltimore. Dr. Fisher is chairman of the Ducks Unlimited of Maryland.

The state organization, at a meeting in Baltimore, voted to raise \$20,000 per year for five years as its share for buying, leasing and policing breeding grounds in Canada.

G. Bowie Rose, executive secretary of the Maryland group, said organizations have been completed in 18 states. He said vice-chairmen will be named for each county of Maryland to set up the local groups.

OXFORD BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNS

Refusing to sever their relations with central authority of the Baptist Church in America, the Oxford, Pa. Baptist Church accepted the resignation of their pastor, Rev. H. H. Hanenkrat, after a stormy meeting of the congregation. Rev. Hanenkrat had embodied this demand, together with a number of other provisions, in a mimeographed communication, which was presented to each of those present and which he asked each to sign.

His attitude, as expressed in the communication which he asked all church members to sign, demanded a complete abstinence of church officers and others connected with the congregation from card playing, theatre going and all worldly amusements. It further demanded a disbandment of the Women's Missionary Society, the Women's Auxiliary, the Guild, and the abolition of the lesson leaflets for the Sunday School.

Quite a number of the members were unwilling to sign these papers, insisting that they did not approve of many of the measures decreed. They were outspoken in their statements that so drastic a program could have no appeal whatever to the young people, whose support had been the backbone of the congregation for many years.

It was because of this difference in ideas as to the proper province of the church that the congregation and Mr. Hanenkrat agreed to disagree. Those who held to his views, it is understood will join with him in the form of worship he endorses.

Those continuing their allegiance to the congregation, and this number includes a large majority of the members responsible for the wide influence of the Baptist Church, will undoubtedly lend their earnest efforts toward regaining the prestige which they feel has suffered to some degree by reason of a divergence of opinion.

—Oxford News.

PERRYVILLE FREIGHT TRANSFER RECEIVES PRIZE CERTIFICATE

Agent J. A. Spragg last week received a certificate of award from the Pennsylvania Railroad for the Perryville Freight Transfer for having made the best record in Class D of the Maryland Division during the past year. The transfer is one of 15 in this class, and made only one error during the year in all its shipping and receiving freight, that having been made at Washington Borough.

Accompanying the certificate were complimentary letters from S. R. Hursh, superintendent of the Maryland Division and C. E. Whitlock, general superintendent of the Southern Division.

FIRE IN FREIGHT CAR

The Perryville firemen were called one morning last week to extinguish a fire in a freight car on a siding of the Columbia and Port Deposit railroad, near Frenchtown. The fire is thought to have been caused by tramps harboring in the car.

Short Paragraphs

Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley, pastor of Elkton M. E. church, has been unanimously invited to return to the charge next conference year.

Paul A. Culbertson, aged 38, of Perryville, was arrested in Wilmington, on a warrant charging him with non-support of his two-year-old daughter.

Rev. Leonard White, of Newark, Del., occupied the pulpit of Rising Sun M. E. Church on Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Frank White, his brother.

Frank D. and Elsie Burborow, of Oxford, Pa., have purchased the farm known as the Jesse Irwin farm in the Fair Hill section of Cecil county. They will take possession March 25.

Charles Parnell, known about Elkton as "Catty", has been sentenced to one year in the House of Correction by Magistrate Walter C. Miller. Pursell was charged with disorderly conduct.

The Elk River Women's Yacht Club, whose roster includes prominent women from New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore and Washington, spent the week end at the Colonial Hotel in Havre de Grace, where they made plans for a regatta this summer.

Mr. Edmund Crothers, a member of the Board of Education for Cecil county, and Prof. H. E. McBride, superintendent of Cecil County Schools left on Thursday last, by automobile, for New Orleans, where they attended the meeting of the National Educational Association.

Rev. W. J. McElwaine, assistant pastor of Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, Port Deposit, has been transferred to Saint Peter's Church, New Castle, Del. Rev. T. G. McKee, pastor of Saint Peter's has been transferred to Port Deposit, to be assistant to Rev. John J. Foley.

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

Gwin E. Gamble, of Oxfrd, Pa., formerly of Rising Sun, was fined \$20.45 on a reckless driving charge by Police Justice Geo. L. Ewing.

Gamble crowded John D. Wright, of Baltimore, off the road east of Rising Sun, near Longview filling station. Wright was compelled to take to the side ditch to avoid being run into by Gamble.

Troy Douglas, of Kennett Square, charged with driving while under the influence of liquor, and reckless driving, was arrested near Kilby's Corner and held in jail pending a hearing Wednesday night, when he would be in better shape for the ordeal he would have to face before the Magistrate.

BEQUEATHS \$110,000 TO SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE

Dr. William L. Abbott, who died at his home in Elk Neck, Cecil county, last April, left a legacy of \$110,000 to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, to perpetuate the work he had devoted his life to. Dr. Abbott was born in Philadelphia in 1860. He left his farm in Elk Neck to the State of Maryland for a game preserve.

IMPRISONED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Grover C. Michael of Aikin was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the Elkton jail for contempt of Court. Michael was haled before the Court on the third offense for failing to pay alimony of fifty dollars per month to his former wife, Lida A. Michael, as ordered by the Court. He has seven months in arrears. Michael is an engineer on the B. & O. Railroad and has a minor child.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Governor Nice on Tuesday sent a list of appointments to the State Senate for confirmation. Among the appointments were those of Justices of the Peace for Cecil county, which were as follows:

Robert L. Alderson, Cecilton; Zachary T. Loveless, Chesapeake City; Walter C. Miller, Elkton; J. Edward Davis, North East; George C. Rawson, North East; George L. Ewing, Rising Sun; Burroughs R. Lawrence, Perryville; J. Howard Pugh, Port Deposit, and Mrs. Marietta M. Renn, North East.

There will be a Covered Dish Luncheon in the Chapel at West Nottingham on Tuesday evening, March 2, at six o'clock, for benefit of Treasures. Those bringing a covered dish 25c, otherwise 35c.

Essay Contest By Eastern Shore Society

For High School Students—Selects Civil War Topics

The Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City has sent notices to the various high schools on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, announcing that it will sponsor another historical essay contest this year.

Persons eligible are the members of the graduating classes of 1937 of the high schools of the Eastern Shore. Each essay must be not less than 750 words nor more than 1500 words. The subject to which the essays must relate is, "The Eastern Shore of Maryland in the Civil War."

The topic suggests the treatment of any one of the following themes having relationship to the Civil War, the part taken therein by some individual "Eastern Shoreman"; an account of some episode thereof taking place on the Eastern Shore; a review of the events occurring on the Eastern Shore; or a summary of the Eastern Shoreman, participating therein with particular reference to the roles followed by them.

There will be four prizes given, \$25 for first; \$15 for second; \$10 for third, and \$5 for fourth. The essays must be submitted to the committee on or before May 1 next, and must be forwarded to Edward D. Martin, chairman of Historical Essay Committee, 709 Calvert Building, Baltimore, Md.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR RAILROAD ELECTRIFYING WORK

The Pennsylvania Railroad has awarded contracts for the electrification of its eastern terminus lines.

The companies were McCloskey & Company, Vane Construction Company, James McGraw Company and Loucheim, Brown and McDonough of Philadelphia, and the Arundel Corporation of Baltimore.

The railroad company will furnish all materials for the project which will cost between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

The routes to be electrified are:

The Main Line from Paoli, near Philadelphia, to Harrisburg, via Lancaster.

The Low Grade freight line from South Amboy, N. J., through Morrisville, Quarryville, Columbia to Enola, west of Harrisburg.

The freight line from Harrisburg, to Perryville, Md., which connects with the main electrified line from Washington to New York.

Construction will begin immediately company officials said.

DELAWARE STEEPCHASE AND RACE ASSOCIATION

The first race meeting of the Delaware Steeplechase and Race Association at Delaware Park, near Stanton, Del., will open on Saturday, June 26. Edward Burke, who has been named manager of the track, dates an extensive survey of racing dates at other tracks before fixing the time there.

The first race meeting will be for 20 days and the number of races, stakes and the distances will be announced later.

The general contractor, Wark Company of Philadelphia, is awaiting arrival of steel for the grandstand. The stand will accommodate up to 8,000 people and will cost approximately \$280,000.

ATTENDED DISTRICT LOCAL OPTION BILL HEARING

The following people from Cecil county braved the storm on February 16 to attend the hearing on the District Local Option Bill before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Delegates at Annapolis: Rev. C. H. Atkins, Mr. Norman Fell, Mrs. Iva McKinney, Mrs. Miller A. Hall, Rev. Otis Jefferson, Mr. Cole, Mrs. E. L. Haines, Mrs. Clara B. Keen, Miss Virginia Abrahams, Miss Bertha M. Tyson, Miss Bertha Balderston.

The Tuxis Society will hold their annual bake in the Electric Shop on Saturday, February 27th. Everyone come and buy home made cakes, pies, rolls, etc.

SENT TO HOUSE OF CORRECTION

John Wells, colored, of Conowingo, was sentenced to two years at the House of Correction by Magistrate Pugh of Port Deposit, for larceny and carrying a gun.

George Thomas, colored, of Elkton, was given 18 months for common assault on his wife by Magistrate Miller. Both men were taken to Jessups Cut by Deputy Sheriff Seth.

Local And Federal Officers Raid Still

3,000 Gallon Plant Wrecked—Operators Make Get Away

Tipped off that a huge illicit still was being operated in Elk Neck, Sheriff Racine and Deputies Lewis Seth and Elwood Racine, accompanied by four federal officers, early Wednesday morning last, seized what is believed to be the largest of the many moonshine plants ever found in Cecil county.

Located along the road leading from North East to Turkey Point, on the property of Charles Sluett, the still of a capacity of about 3,000 gallons, powered by a 20-horse power steam boiler was in full operation when the raid was made.

More than 3,000 gallons of mash ready for distilling purposes was seized. The operators, evidently learned that the officers were coming and had made their get-away. The still and other paraphernalia were destroyed.

TOLCHESTER STEAMER SOLD AT AUCTION

George Probst, Jr., an official of the Maryland Drydock Company at Fairfield bought the excursion steamer Tolchester at public auction Wednesday for \$3,800.

Capt. Frederick W. Kolb, who worked for the Tolchester Beach Improvement Company for thirty-seven years, all but five of which he served as skipper, was present to hear the auctioneer sell the last of the three boats.

The company's four piers on Light street, Baltimore, the steamers Express and Emma Giles and the company's hotel, bathing beach and amusement park at Tolchester, Kent county, was sold at auction on September 21.

TWO NEW HIGHWAY BRIDGES FOR CHESTER COUNTY

The Pennsylvania State Department of Highways plans to construct two new bridges on state roads in lower Chester County in the early spring. Bids for the construction of the new bridges will be advertised for within a few days, to be opened on March 5th.

The bridges will be 1-beam structures. One will be on rural Route 15008 in Elk and New London Townships and the other will be on Route 15081 in Pocopson and Birmingham Townships. The New London bridge will be 76 feet long and the Birmingham bridge 186 feet. Both contracts will call for the building of some black top roadway to connect with the bridges.

TREE PLANTED ON STATE HOUSE LAWN BY THE P. T. A.

In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Maryland Congress planted a red oak tree on the lawn of the State House at Annapolis on Sunday, February 21. The tree was dedicated to Mrs. H. Ross Coppage, president of the Maryland Congress, who has worked untiringly to further the movement started by Mrs. Birney and Mrs. Hearst in 1897.

Governor Harry W. Nice accepted the tree. Following the dedication ceremony tea was served.

HIGH WIND AND RAIN

The wind and rain storm that lashed this section Sunday night, shortly before the midnight hour, did considerable damage throughout this section, uprooting trees, whipping off branches, wrecking small buildings, etc. The gale that raged was accompanied by driving rain, lightning and thunder.

On the Eastern Shore, in Southern Maryland and other sections, thousands of dollars worth of damage was done by the storm, which had cyclonic force.

ENROLLED IN HALF-CENTURY CLUB

The Midland Journal is gratified to receive notification of its enrollment as a member of the Half-Century Club of newspapers, organized by The American Press, of New York. Accompanying the notification is a handsome certificate of membership, which attests The Midland Journal has been published continuously more than fifty years, has been certified for membership in The American Press Half-Century Club, and is entitled to proclaim such membership in all public announcements.

Personal And Social

Miss Elizabeth R. Stephens has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. William Michaels in Media, Pa.

Mrs. Athea Summerville, Woodbury, N. J., has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. William M. Pogue.

Mrs. Norris J. Reynolds entertained the Bridge Club on Tuesday afternoon, at her home on Cherry street.

Mrs. Paul McKabe and two daughters, Shirley and Amy, Dogsboro, Del., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Pogue, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., were visitors of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue on Washington's Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Rowland celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary quietly on Sunday, Feb. 14, at their home "Mt. Grappa", near Port Deposit.

Mrs. R. A. Lane entertained the Ladies' Komrade Club and their husbands at her home on Cherry street, Thursday night at cards. Four tables were played.

Wednesday, February 10, a miscellaneous shower was given to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ewing, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Durgin, Rowlandville.

The marriage of Miss Mary Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirk Brown, of Elkton, and Gifford Scarborough, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee-don Scarborough, will take place on Friday, Feb. 26.

Announcement was made of the marriage of Miss Anna Mar Montgomery to Ralph W. Benjamin, of Port Deposit, on February 10, at Rosedale, Md. They are making their home at Wilmington, Del.

Miss Louisa Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, of Fishing Creek, and James Flahart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Flahart, of Downingtown, were united in marriage Friday morning, Feb. 12th, at Elkton, by Rev. C. M. Cope.

CELEBRATED SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The 60th wedding anniversary of John A. and Sarah J. Scharder, residents of New Garden, Pa., was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor W. Richards in Concordville, Pa., on Friday evening, Feb. 12th. Mrs. Richards is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schrade, at whose home 65 relatives and friends congratulated the bride and groom.

John A. Schradler and Sarah J. Gilbert were married by Rev. Richard Cook pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Wilmington, at the home of the brides parents, William L. and Sarah A. Gilbert. For a time Mr. and Mrs. Schradler lived in Wilmington, moving to a farm in New Garden township in 1882, where they lived until 1922, when they moved to New Garden village.

They have three sons, three daughters and an adopted daughter, all living.

NIGHT OFFICER SURPRISES BURGLAR

Dan Norton, aged 18 years, alias Dan Miller, of Marianna, Florida, who was taken into custody early Wednesday morning last by Night Officer David Randolph, of Elkton, and lodged in the county jail, on suspicion of having entered and robbed the American store, located in the Burkley building on East Main street, in Elkton, has made a confession acknowledging that he was the robber and that he had no accomplices.

Officer Randolph while making his rounds thought he saw someone in the store, and on investigating found a pane of glass in the rear door broken. He telephoned to Sheriff Racine, but by the time the officers reached the store the thief had made his escape. Norton was later arrested on the street, on suspicion, and acknowledged the stealing of several packages of cigarettes from the store.

HEAD OF ELK D. A. R.

Head of Elk Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, of Elkton, has elected the following delegates and alternates to the D. A. R. Congress to be held in Washington, in April: Delegates, Mrs. Harry T. Alexander, regent, and Mrs. J. Wirt Lynch, vice-regent; alternates, Miss Mollie Howard Ash, Mrs. Irvin T. Kepler, Miss Mary Frances Kirk, Miss Ida Kimble, Dr. Catherine M. Goodson, Mrs. Charles E. Day, Mrs. Barclay Moore, Mrs. H. Arthur Cantwell, Mrs. Jesse E. Pierson, and Mrs. Lynn Gillespie.

Sixtieth Annual M. E. Conference

Wilmington Conference Will Convene March 31st At Salisbury, Maryland

A tentative program has been adopted for the sixtieth annual Wilmington M. E. Conference opening Wednesday, March 31st, at Asbury Church, Salisbury, Md.

Evangelism, temperance, youth problems, home and foreign missionary work will be discussed.

Daily lunches and suppers are planned for delegates. The conference will be held in the new fellowship hall with a capacity of 300 persons.

The tentative program is as follows: Wednesday, March 31, 9 a. m., first day, holy sacrament, followed by memorial services for deceased ministers and wives; 2:30 p. m., annual meeting of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, and business session of conference proper; 7:30 p. m., special service in charge of combined missionary organizations, and addresses by a national officer of the church.

Thursday, regular conference session, morning and afternoon, followed by similar special services at church in the evening in charge of missionary societies.

Friday morning regular conference session and also annual meeting and organization of layman's conference in Trinity Church, followed that night by rally of young people.

Saturday, united session, followed at night with annual temperance rally.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., annual conference Sunday Love Feast, followed by sermon by Bishop Hughes; afternoon, ordination service for young ministers, deacons and elders, with Bishop Hughes presiding; followed in the evening by an evangelical service.

Prominent clergymen of the Wilmington Conference predict that the unit will swing in line for the merger of the three big branches of Methodism.

Such a consolidation has been agitated throughout the United States for many years and is said to be nearer consummation today than ever, individual conferences of the three Methodist bodies are balloting upon it in all sections of the country, ratification by a majority being required before it can become effective.

If the consolidation be effected the Methodist Church, which would contain about 10,000,000 members and possess a closely affiliated constituency of 25,000,000, will be one of the largest Christian denominations in the world.

"Cradle Of Methodism"

Particular interest is centered in the vote of the Wilmington Conference because of the fact that the Delmarva Peninsula is generally known as "the cradle of Methodism."

Joint sessions of the Lay and Ministerial Conferences are scheduled for April 2 and 3.

Pastoral assignments will be announced by the presiding Bishop following the final business session on Monday morning, April 5.

WIND STORM WRECKS BARN

The roaring gale that swept this section Sunday night, shortly before the midnight hour, accompanied by a deluge of rain, twisted the barn from its foundation on the farm of Henry Riley, near Rock Springs, and completely wrecked the structure.

Four cows, one calf and three mules were in the stable part of the building at the time. The cows, the calf and one mule were gotten from beneath the wreckage, but two of the mules were crushed to death.

About thirty neighbors gathered at the Riley farm on Tuesday, and working with a will cleared away the debris preparatory to the rebuilding of the barn. The loss is a heavy one for Mr. Riley as he carried no insurance of a nature that covered the damage.

STATE W. C. T. U. PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT ABERDEEN

Miss Bertha Tyson, of Coloma, state president of the W. C. T. U., made the address at the Washington-Lincoln and Frances Willard memorial service at the M. E. Church in Aberdeen on Sunday, February 21, at 8 p. m. The meeting was sponsored by the Aberdeen Loyal Temperance Legion.

Having sold his property H. D. Graybeal will dispose of his garage equipment, at Conowingo, on Thursday, March 4, at public sale.