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3556 Acre Park Area In Cecil County

CCC To Start Work In The County Next Month

With priority pledged over all other projects in the east, the 3,556-acre area of land in the Elk Neck section, comprising the 355-acre farm bequeathed to the state recently by Dr. W. L. Abbott of Elk Neck and Philadelphia and the balance purchased by the Board of County Commissioners has been surveyed for a recreational park and forest reserve. A CCC camp is to be established in April or May and an additional 5,000 acres may be acquired, which would make it one of the largest recreation areas in this section.

Elk Neck is a peninsula extending into the Chesapeake Bay, with two of the most beautiful rivers in Maryland flowing on either side, the Elk and North East rivers. Camp Rodney of the Boy Scouts is located on the peninsula. This peninsula is unique in topography with wooded hills rising to a height of 300 feet directly out of the tidewater, and it is claimed it is the only formation of its kind in the eastern United States.

Its location, midway between Baltimore and Philadelphia, makes it easily accessible to a vast metropolitan population.

Feeling that its unique features should be preserved and enhanced for the use of the public, the county commissioners purchased 3,000 acres of wooded land, and this, together with the Abbott farm, has been deeded to the state for recreational development. The board of county commissioners have also obtained an option on a bathing beach one-third of a mile in extent along the North East River. The Abbott property also has a mile of river frontage on the Elk River, and is ideal for bathing and boating. This will provide two excellent bathing beaches for the use of the public and is a feature not possessed by any other state park in Maryland.

The views presented from the hills in this area are unsurpassed. Wildlife, including deer, is abundant and there is a great variety of vegetation in this section because of its unusual features. The Susquehanna flats, famous for its wildfowl, borders on the proposed park on the North East River side. Wild ducks, geese and swan can be seen at this season of the year.

This park has been approved by Robert Fechner, director emergency conservation work and has been given priority over all other park projects. Promise of a CCC camp in April or May, has been given. The county commissioners are desirous of adding about 5,000 additional acres for the park, and have asked the federal government for the necessary funds to make the purchase. It is said that the land can be purchased for about \$10 per acre. The project has the fullest cooperation of F. W. Beasley, state forester, and T. W. Nisiolet, regional inspector, national park service.

Elk River Snipe Fleet

Organization Will Have Membership Of Thirty—Season Opens Memorial Day

The Elk River Snipe Fleet, branch of the Snipe Class International Racing Association, has been organized by sail racing enthusiasts of New Castle, Del., and Cecil county, Md. with Charles E. Mendenhall of Wilmington, as fleet captain and Larr-French official measurer. Members also approved the plans for the summer races, which are scheduled to take place each Saturday afternoon on the Elk river. There also will be special races for trophies on holidays.

While the home of the fleet will be on the Elk river, 13 of the 16 boats already listed will be owned by Wilmingtonians.

All the boats will be snipes, since interest in the new national one-design class was not strong enough to insure keen competition. The snipe is a 15 1/2 foot centerboard craft, rigged as a knockabout sloop, and carry 117 square feet of sail in the genib and main sail.

The fleet will have a membership of about 30; many already own boats. A dozen boats are being built for May delivery. Memorial Day will officially open the season.

The Eskimo population is decreasing.

Short Paragraphs

Robins have made their appearance and are making the welkin ring with their spring song.

Albert Constable, son of the late Chief Judge Albert Constable, of Elkton, has been admitted as a member of the bar.

Gallord E. Geddes, engineer at the Veterans Administration Facility, Perry Point, has been transferred to a similar position in New York state.

David J. Randolph, town officer in Elkton, has resigned, and Elwood Boyd, a deputy sheriff under former sheriff Jesse Pierson, appointed to fill the vacancy.

The temperature took a big drop on Tuesday afternoon and night, following of week of springlike weather. The mercury recorded sixteen degrees Wednesday morning.

The play "Here Comes Charlie" will be given in the Church House, at Zion, on Thursday and Friday evenings March 11th and 12th, by the young people of the M. E. Church.

Attention is directed to the advertisement on our last page, of the Unemployment Compensation Division, notifying all employers that they must file reports not later than March 20.

The new community house building at Warwick, erected by the members of the Warwick M. P. Church, will be dedicated Wednesday, March 31. A special program is being arranged for the occasion.

The directors of the Peoples Bank of Elkton, have elected John Lawrence, president to succeed Thomas W. Simpers, deceased, also elected Fred H. Leffler, vice-president, and G. Reynolds Ash, director to fill vacancies.

The home of Edward McDowell, near North East, was burned to the ground on Sunday evening, Feb. 28. The North East fire company was unable to save the house. It was believed that the fire started from the chimney.

Rev. Frank White was able to occupy the pulpit of Rising Sun M. E. church on Sunday morning, after an enforced absence of about six weeks, owing to illness.

A special feature of the services were vocal selections by little "Jackie" Devine, aged 11 years, a radio artist.

MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED BY CONFESSION

Philadelphia detectives last week arrested Frederick Thomas, negro, aged 27 years, and obtained a confession from him for the murder of George F. Buchanan, formerly of Cecil county. Buchanan was killed at his office, Philadelphia Printing Company on July 6, 1935. He was 61 years of age. The negro had been employed by the Printing Company but disappeared shortly after the murder.

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC EMPLOYEE PROMOTED

Eugene Hand, for the past several years manager of the Conowingo Power Company's main office in Elkton, has been promoted to the efficiency department of the Philadelphia Electric Company and will assume his new duties March 15. J. Frank Blake, Jr., outside salesman of the company, has been appointed sales manager for Cecil county.

LEAGUE MEETING POSTPONED

The Bi-State League Base Ball meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 14th, New Central Hotel, Elkton, Md., at 2 o'clock, has been postponed to Sunday, March 21st, same place, same hour.

The postponement was due to an emergency operation for appendicitis of the League President Charles Rutledge.

"WOODLAWN ORCHARD" SOLD

"Woodlawn Orchard," containing 131 acres of land and over 3,000 apple trees in full bearing near Woodlawn, in the upper part of this county, was sold at mortgagee's sale at the Court House door, Elkton, on Monday, by Henry L. Constable, assignee, to Nathan B. Karl, for \$6,800.

NEGRO FATALLY BURNED

From burns sustained when his clothing caught fire from an overheated stove, Albert Ford, Negro, 19 years old, of the North East section, died at Union Hospital, Elkton, Monday night. Practically every part of Ford's body was burned. The accident occurred early Sunday morning.

Attendance In Cecil County Schools

February Averages Compiled By Attendance Officer

Edwin H. Barnes, school attendance officer for Cecil County, reports that during the month of February, Pilot School led in attendance among the one-teacher school group; Elk Mills school in the two-teacher school group; Calvert in the graded school group; Kenmore in the high school group, and Conowingo in the colored school group.

The following are the averages: One Teacher Schools—Pilot 98, New Valley 94, Charlestown 94, Harts 93, Jackson 92, Chapel 91, Zion 91, Earleville 91, Pleasant Hill 90, Johnson 90, New Bridge 89, Liberty Grove, Wesley, 88, Cherry Grove 86, Fingerboard 84, Jefferson, Union 83, Marion, Oakwood 82, Principio 81, Warwick, Pond's Neck 77, Blake 76, Fair Hill, Pierce's Neck 73, Town Point 69, Rowlandville 61.

Two Teacher Schools—Elk Mills 94, Cherry Hill, Leeds 90, Providence 88, Perry Point, Colora 82.

Graded Schools—Calvert 90, Elkton, Perryville 89, North East, Rising Sun 86, Cecilton 83, Chesapeake City 73.

High Schools—Kenmore 95, Calvert, Rising Sun, Elkton 91, Cecilton 90, Perryville 89, North East, Chesapeake City 88.

Colored Schools—Conowingo 94, Wilson 93, Elkton 92, North East 91, Cecilton 84, Chesapeake City 83, Cokesbury 81, Port Deposit 79, Manor 66, Cedar Hill 61; Elkton Colored High School 89.

Officers Seize New Still

Two Men Arrested In Raid—Plant Had Just Started Operations

A new and modern whiskey-making plant with a still of 300-gallon capacity, which had been in operation less than 15 hours and two alleged operators were seized in a woods near Belvidere, along Pennsylvania Railroad on the Cooper property, Wednesday night by Deputy Sheriff Elwood Racine, Constable Wilbur Nickle and two federal officers.

The plant which was complete in detail had been set up for work Tuesday morning it is alleged. A 15-horse power steam boiler was used to operate the plant. About 7,000 gallons of mash was found in vats, which was dumped.

The workmen were at the still when the officers appeared—two white men and two Negroes. The Negroes fled but the white men, Harry Algard and Norman Patchell, of Charlestown, were arrested and taken to Baltimore for a hearing in the Federal Court. A 1935 Ford coupe found near the still also was confiscated.

HELD FOR HAULING DISTILLING APPARATUS

Cassel Howerly of Perryville, and Charles Raymond Dalton of Easton, arraigned before U. S. Commissioner W. R. Horney in Centerville, on charges of possession and transportation of unregistered distilling apparatus, pleaded guilty and were held in \$1,000 bail for a hearing in the U. S. District Court. A Chevrolet truck was seized.

Town Officer Kemp Marshall and Leslie L. Chance, of Easton, saw the heavily loaded truck passing through Easton, and gave chase. When the drivers saw them approaching they made an attempt to elude them, but were finally halted. The truck was loaded with alleged still equipment that was being moved to another location.

FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY TO GIVE BENEFIT BALL IN BALTIMORE

The second annual benefit ball of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association will be held in the Rennett Hotel, Baltimore, Saturday night, April 3rd.

Mrs. Mary H. Baker, of Hyattsville, chairman of the committee, announced that there would be no professional solicitation this year, that every ticket sold means a dollar for some volunteer fireman who is sick and in need.

Mrs. Baker stated that under the newly created hospital fund the Auxiliary will give financial assistance of five dollars a week for ten weeks, in one calendar year to any volunteer fireman who is sick but not eligible to receive a pension from the Board of Trustees of the State Firemen's Association.

Pay Of State Roads Board To Be Fixed

Legislature To Make Salaries In Commission Unalterable

Annapolis, March 2—All salaries in the State Roads Commission are to be fixed definitely and made unalterable by the Legislature for the years 1938-1939.

Subcommittees were named by the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees to draw up a salary list and prepare the necessary legislation.

According to Delegate Kent R. Mullikin (Dem., Prince George's) the action was suggested in a joint meeting of the two fiscal committees as the result of changes that had been made in salary allocations during the current budgetary period in the roads department and the hiring of additional help not provided by the 1935 session.

Under the plan of the committees, only a certain amount will be allowed in the budget for salaries, and this will be specifically allocated.

"Coming back here this year we found that, while the Legislature provided for only 420 employees by the State Roads Commission," said Delegate Mullikin, "the commission had had on its pay roll more than 500 at various times."

It is the idea of the committees that some steps must be taken to hold the commission within its salary budget.

Senator J. Allan Coad (Dem., St. Mary's), chairman of the Finance Committee, named as members of the subcommittee for the Senate Senators Stedman Prescott (Dem., Montgomery), J. David Balle (Rep., Carroll), minority floor leader, and Arthur Brice (Dem., Kent).

Delegate Mullikin selected to represent the House Delegates Clarence E. Robertson (Dem., Worcester), Lee Moore (Dem., Harford) and Herbert Ireland (Rep., Calvert).

The two legislative leaders said they expected that it would take the subcommittee several days to draw up the salary appropriation list. They must await receipt of data from William A. Codd, chief auditor of the Roads Department, who appeared before the committee this afternoon.

Hold-Up At Gas Station

Police Investigating Story Of Night Attendant

Pennsylvania State Police are investigating the different angles of a reported hold-up at the Conoco Gas Station, at Symar, as told by the night attendant. The station is owned by George Alger, of this town, and is just across the State line, in Pennsylvania. The night attendant is Eugene Thorp, of near Rising Sun.

According to young Thorp's story about ten o'clock Sunday night a white man appeared at the filling station and asked for candy. As the attendant turned back from the candy case, according to his statement, he looked into a revolver which the hold-up man held, and was ordered to lie on the floor, face down. The bandit then stepped over the prostrate form of young Thorp, opened the cash register and secured about \$40.00.

He then tore the telephone from its fastening and ran across a field. Young Thorp, according to his story, jumped up and ran out also. The bandit, he alleges, shot at him, but Thorp ran down the road about a mile, to the Harvey Townsend farm, where he telephoned the Pennsylvania State Police.

When the officers arrived they looked over the scene, took young Thorp to headquarters at West Chester, Pa., for questioning, and also took the telephone in order to secure finger prints. No trace of the alleged hold-up man has been found.

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE HOST TO STUDENT CONFERENCE

The State Teachers College at Salisbury is for the second consecutive year acting as host to representatives from high schools all over the state to the annual Student Conference. The dates designated for this event of rapidly developing importance are April 9th and 10th.

An even larger group than was present last year is expected to attend this meeting, where problems vital to youth will be discussed, and appropriate entertainment features will be provided.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Hannah Lynch is spending the month in Florida.

Rev. J. C. McCoy, of Newport, Del., was a Rising Sun visitor on Tuesday.

Jesse T. Cameron is enjoying the week at Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Mrs. J. A. Hartenstine, of Principio Furnace, is spending some time in Florida.

Chas. S. Pyle is a patient in a Philadelphia hospital, where he sustained a mastoid operation on Monday.

Mrs. Annie Jenkins, of Rising Sun, is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Buck, Port Deposit.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Kelsey and Mrs. Rosalie Mundy, of Baltimore, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing, at the Bungalow.

Mrs. India Aiken, of Colora, is spending some time with Misses Mary and Jessie Campbell. Mrs. Aiken has recently sold her home in Colora.

Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, 53 only American woman winner of both the American and British golf championships, and Edward L. Howe, 66 just learning the game, were married in Elkton, on March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pogue and children, Bill, Jane, Joan and Joseph, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William M. Pogue. Wm. R. Pogue has accepted a position at Pearl River, N. Y., where the family will make their home.

Louise C. Nickell, of Rising Sun, Md., senior at Western Maryland College, has achieved honorary scholastic standing, for which she has been given the privilege of non-compulsory attendance at classes. She is one of the few students to be honored with this privilege. Miss Nickell also takes an active part in extra-curricular activities.

Mr. Robert Patterson Brand, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Brand, of Conowingo, and Miss Dorothea Holland Enfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Enfield, of Forest Hill, Harford county, were married in First Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, Tuesday evening, by Rev. Dr. E. Glenn Switzer, in the presence of the families of the contracting parties.

Miss Florence L. Wilson, daughter of Mr. Harry R. Wilson, of Wilmington, formerly of North East, this county, and the late Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Philip K. Maguire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Maguire, also of Wilmington, were married at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, Feb. 27, in the Chapel of Our Lady in the Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington, by the Rev. Hiram R. Bennett.

FOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

In honor of four birthday anniversaries, which occurred Feb. 23rd, 25th, 26th and 27th, a dinner was given on Sunday, Feb. 28th by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coates, of near Kirk's Mills, Pa., for Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce, Phebe L. Coates, Jesse Wood, Sr., and Cora Wood. There were four birthday cakes with candles. Other guests were Gallen Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McCullough, Jacob Keech, Hopewell; Joseph Coates and daughters, Eleanor and Doris, Altgen; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennett Coates, Jack and Ruth Coates, Hartt G. Coates, Norman Wood, Howard Coates and Seth Kinsey. Mrs. Joseph Coates is with her daughter, Mrs. Marian Baldwin, and infant son, Lester, of Lansdowne.

DELEGATION ASKS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

A delegation of property owners and citizens of Elk Neck section, accompanied by the Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County, after a conference with the State Roads Commission in Baltimore, in regards to continuing the paved North East-Turkey Point road, from where it now ends to George's Store, a distance of slightly over two miles, found the commission in favor of the project.

COURT UPHOLDS MAGISTRATE'S FINE

A jury in Cecil Circuit Court, in the magistrate appeal case of Joseph Swift of Elkton, charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor and fined \$100 and costs by Police Magistrate Walter C. Miller, found Swift guilty and fined him \$100 and costs, but gave him six months in which to complete payment of the fine.

C. & D. Canal Work Progressing

Ocean-Going Ships To Use Waterway By Christmas

The dream of a century—transoceanic vessels plying through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal—will come true this Christmas.

Col. John C. H. Lee, army engineer in charge of the Philadelphia district, has announced that the work of deepening and widening the canal will have progressed sufficiently by late December to allow transatlantic and coastwise traffic to use the waterway, thus making it one of the most important inland waterways on the Atlantic Coast.

More than a century ago, the canal was cut across the Delmarva Peninsula from Delaware City to Chesapeake City—a lock canal to promote American commerce.

Having served its usefulness as a lock waterway, the canal was purchased by the federal government and dug out to sea level. The third step is now nearing completion: Deepening to 27 feet and widening to 250 feet.

Colonel Lee has announced that the dry excavation has been completed and that "we hope in this way to avoid any serious slides during or subsequent to the deep channel dredging."

Cost To Be 14 Million

The ultimate cost of the project has been estimated at \$14,000,000. G. H. Pouder, executive vice-president of the Association of Commerce, Baltimore said that the cost of the project will be repaid in about 14 years.

He based this on a predicted saving of \$1,000,000 a year to ship owners using the canal since ships would cut one day's operating a trip between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Coastwise operators are also considering using the canal in their northbound voyages to Wilmington and Philadelphia from southern ports to avoid fogs that often cover the lower stretches of the Delaware Bay.

Boats of 12-foot draft can be safely dispatched over shoals in the canal at the present time, but pilots and masters of vessels have been warned to watch for dredges and other equipment.

Kidnap Suspect Lodged In Harford County Jail

Held On Charge Of Trespassing Pending Outcome Of Investigation

Harford county officers took a 38-year-old man, identifying himself as Frank Kravic, of Chicago, from the Havre de Grace jail to the county jail Sunday and allowed no one to see or talk with him, while Department of Justice agents tried to learn if he knew anything about the Mattson kidnaping.

Sergt. Robert Fadely and Lieut. Walter McGuire, railroad police who arrested the man for trespassing said his appearance seemed to tally with a description of a man who kidnaped and killed 10-year-old Charles Mattson in Washington State last December. They notified the Department of Justice, which sent James G. Ellsworth from Baltimore to investigate.

Ellsworth talked with the suspect at length in the Havre de Grace jail and ordered him taken to the county jail and kept strictly by himself during the inquiry. Ellsworth then returned to Baltimore or Washington with finger prints and other data to check on the case.

Magistrate J. C. Vanherie gave Kravic a ten-day sentence for trespassing and it is upon this count that Kravic is being held.

The officers quoted Kravic as saying he had been in Washington State, but that he was in Chicago at the time of the Mattson abduction and knew nothing about it. He said he had been traveling over the country on freight trains and sleeping in hobo camps.

WOMEN'S CLUB VISIT CAPITAL

The Woman's Club of Elkton accepted an invitation from State Senator and Mrs. Harold E. Cobourn of Cecil county to spend Wednesday in Annapolis. The women met at the State House at 11:30 o'clock that morning, attended a session of the Legislature, then were guests of Senator and Mrs. Cobourn at luncheon. Later in the day they were guests of Governor and Mrs. Nice at a tea at the governor's mansion.