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Arrested For Passing Forged Checks

Liberty Grove Man Charged With Forgery Admits Robbery Also

Magistrate G. Howlett Cobourn, of Havre de Grace, has held Howard Fletcher, aged 30 years, of Liberty Grove, Cecil county, for action of the Harford County Grand Jury. Fletcher was arrested by Officer James B. Ray, of Aberdeen, on the charge of forgery.

Fletcher, a former manager of the American Store, at Aberdeen, cashed several checks in that town, according to Officer Ray. One was made out to John Taylor, a fictitious name, and the maker was Edgar Geathers, of Havre de Grace. The maker's name is allegedly a forgery.

When lodged in the county jail on Tuesday, Fletcher was questioned by State's Attorney D. Paul McNabb, Sheriff Granville C. Boyle and other officers concerning several robberies.

Little by little a confession of numerous crimes was wrung from the man. He implicated two others, Jake and Ralph McLaughlin, of Liberty Grove. They were arrested Wednesday night and taken to the jail for questioning. Jake admitted the implications, but Ralph did not, completely.

Fletcher was first questioned about feloniously entering an Aberdeen chain store and carrying away the safe which contained $344. After a while he admitted this and named the two accomplices. The man also confessed that he and his partners followed a produce truck and stole the foodstuff after it had been unloaded at the chain store.

The McGlothlin's are formerly from Virginia, and have criminal records. These two are being held under $2,500 bail for action of the Grand Jury, May term of court.

Among the robberies committed was the theft of the safe on Sept. 13, at the Aberdeen store, which contained $344 in cash. They took safe and all, and after breaking it open buried it in a woods near Port Deposit. The safe has been found.

Governor Signs 48-Hour Marriage Bill

Two Local Bills Aimed At Elkton Also Passed

The House of Delegates at Annapolis, on Thursday evening passed three bills designed to curb the State's Gretna Greens.

Senator Harold E. Cobourn's two local measures to curb the marrying parsons at Elkton, passed on voice votes and went to the Governor for his signature. Their sponsor has claimed their enactment will wipe out the business of the widely known Elkton parsons.

One would raise the marriage license fee in Cecil county from $2 to $5, and the other would close the issuing office at all times except between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. week-days.

The forty-eight hour bill was sponsored by Senator Wilmer F. Davis (Rep., Caroline). Originally, it would have provided that couples wait seventy-two hours between time of application and time of issuance of license.

The House Judiciary Committee changed it to forty-eight hours and also inserted a clause making it illegal for a court clerk to publish details of a license until that license actually is granted.

Added by the House during the session was an amendment requiring payment of $1 with each application, and no refunds allowed if the license is not issued. The effect would be to raise the fee in Maryland from $2 to $3.

The Senate concurred in the amendments and the measure finally went to Governor Nice who signed it Monday night, but said he would not sign local measures designed to curb the Elkton marrying parsons.

He said the 48-hour bill would, in his opinion, be sufficient to remove the evils of the marriage racket in Cecil county.

COMMUNITY CLUB ORGANIZED

Residents of Hack's Point have formed a "Get Together Club". The members from time to time will hold entertainments and social gatherings. The proceeds of the entertainments will be devoted to charitable purposes. The club will hold a fish fry in the near future, the proceeds will be given to Union Hospital.

Short Paragraphs

Today, Friday, is Good Friday.

Sunday next, the 28th, is Easter.

Spring arrived at 7:45 Saturday evening.

The Tilghman Packing Company, engaged in packing herring at Perryville and Havre de Grace, will open its season next week.

The play "Miss Adventure," which the Seniors and Juniors of the Calvert High School will present April 1st and 2nd, is being rehearsed.

The public schools of the county close on Thursday afternoon of this week for the Easter holiday, reopening os Tuesday morning next.

Seventy U. S. Army trucks passed through town on Tuesday morning, enroute in a northly direction. The trucks returned on Wednesday morning.

The young people of the M. E. Church at Zion, cleared $74.50 at their recent play and on Friday evening repeated it at Ebenezer Church House.

Charles Hastings, a young farmer of Elkdale, Pa., received torn ribs and bruises when the cow he was milking kicked so hard as to throw him under another cow that tramped him.

Se The Reynolds School will hold their annual bake, Saturday, April 3rd, from 2 to 5 o'clock, in the basement of the M. E. Church. Cake, candy, rolls and pies reasonably priced.

Sponsored by the Rev. O. P. Jefferson, a Boy Scout troop has been organized at Perryville with Prof. John W. Lord of the local high school as scoutmaster, and W. L. Atkinson, as assistant scoutmaster.

Jack Skunda, 20 years old, was taken into custody Monday night, at Elkton, on the charge of carrying a revolver concealed. His fingerprints have been sent to Washington. He is said to have come from Chicago.

While coasting on the hill at Providence, Cullis George, aged 11 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cullis George, Sr., was injured, his sled running into another sled, the runner of which inflicted a serious injury to the lad's skull.

The committee in charge of raising funds towards paying debts on the new community house in Warwick, which will be dedicated on Wednesday, March 31, reports success. By dedication day it is hoped to have almost enough funds to pay all bills.

Sweepstake Is Won By Former Cecil Woman

Held Ticket On Royal Mail, Winner Of Grand National—Will Get $100,000

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Myers, of Baltimore, widow of Rance Myers, a former resident of Havre de Grace, and for many years a member of the police force in Baltimore, heard over the radio at 10 o'clock Friday morning that she had been enriched to the extent of $150,000.00 in the Irish Sweepstakes. Mrs. Myers had drawn Royal Mail, which had been installed second choice. Her ticket was purchased in the name of Lucky Jim. Royal Mail won the race.

Mrs. Myers was formerly Miss Elizabeth Mackinson, of Principio Furnace. Her sister, Mrs. Isabel Harvey, died in the Harford Memorial Hospital, Havre de Grace, on January 2, of injuries received when the car in which she and Mrs. Myers were riding skidded on the slippery road near that city two weeks before. Mrs. Myers was uninjured.

Mrs. Myers signed the name "Lucky Jim" on her ticket when she purchased it, explaining that that was the name by which Mrs. Harvey was known and she had always been very lucky.

The original draw won for her $3,000 and by having the winner in the race she won about $150,000.

Lawyers advised Mrs. Myers she would receive nearly $100,000 when all taxes had been paid to the Government.

OXFORD HAS NEW AMBULANCE

The new ambulance, purchased by popular subscription by the citizens of Oxford, Pa., community, has been received. The new machine is a Ford, 90 h. p., equipped with cot, side and rear doors, and is finished in sea foam gray. The inside finish is in tan and black leather.

Dead Line For Last Year's Auto Tags

Motorists Warned Must Have 1937 Tags By April First

With only a few days remaining before April 1—the date when 1937 automobile tags must be displayed—thousands of the motor vehicle owners in Maryland have yet to obtain their new licenses, Walter R. Rudy, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said last week.

It is stated that approximately 150,000 of the 1937 plates had been issued, leaving about 239,000 owners still without them.

Because of the failure of motorists to apply for their tags promptly many will be unable to operate their vehicles on Thursday, April 1st. Mr. Rudy explained that with his office working at peak speed, it would be possible to issue about 15,000 or 16,000 sets of tags per day.

The great difficulty, Mr. Rudy explained, was encountered in applications filled out improperly. Some owners fail to sign the application, others fail to give the number of the stations where their vehicles were inspected, and a few even forget to sign their checks.

In each of these instances the application must be returned to the owner, with instructions to make the correction or insertions.

Taking into consideration these facts, Mr. Rudy said he anticipated an unprecedented demand for tags in the next few days.

Injured By Auto Child Dies

Struck By Machine On His Way To School

An automobile struck and fatally injured Walter Grant, Jr.. 10, just as a school bell called him into the safety of the building at Port Deposit, on Thursday.

The child was playing near the school and started toward the building as the bell rang. He was struck then. The car was operated by Donald Whittaker, of Port Deposit.

The injured youth was taken to a Havre de Grace hospital, where he died a few minutes later of a fractured skull and a broken neck. Magistrate J. C. Vancherie will hold a inquest.

The child's grandfather. Charles Grant, was buried the day before.

MOVING DAY BRINGS CHANGES

March 25th is Maryland Day and a legal holiday in our state. It is also Moving Day, and brings with it many changes of residence. There are quite a number of shifts about, that have been and are being made in our town, among them we mention the following:

The family of Arthur Tosh moves to the Carroll Cameron dwelling on South Queen street; the Nields dwelling on Cherry street, vacated by the Tosh family will be occupied by M. U. Zimmerman and family; the dwelling on Mount street vacated by the Zimmerman family will be taken by Mr. Phipps and family, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Brown and daughter will move from Pearl street to Oak Hill, Pa., Phleet Cooper and family moving form near town to the dwelling vacated by Mrs. Brown.

James Gorrell and family will move from the Woodrow & James farm, near town, to the dwelling on Queen street, recently purchased by them.

Francis Kennard and family move from South Queen street to the M. E. Parsonage property, which Mr. Kennard recently purchased and is having remodelled. Harry Hovermill and family moved from near town to the dwelling vacated by the Kennard family.

The bungalow near town, vacated by the Hovermill family will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Everett F. Johnson.

DISASTER STORY PUBLISHED IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

Expedited service permits the Journal to give its readers in today's issue a complete story of the New London, Texas, school explosion last week which snuffed out the lives of several hundred children and teachers.

A special corps of correspondents was moved to the scene immediately. The story in today's issue is the result of their work, giving a vivid description of the catastrophe.

Cases Before Cecil Circuit Court

March Term Reconvenes On Tuesday After Recess

The March term of Circuit Court, which convened at Elkton, has recessed until Tuesday, March 30. The appeal case of J. D. Davis vs. Earl Dixon, a suit for damages growing out of an automobile accident, resulted in a verdict for $45 in favor of Mr. Dixon. The case was tried before Magistrate Alderson of Cecilton, shortly after the accident, and a verdict was rendered in favor of Dixon, from which an appeal was taken.

The suit of Doris Feinberg Kramer, of Vineland, N. J., against Harry R. Dean, a State Roads employe, for personal injuries sustained when her car was struck by a State Roads truck at Bacon Hill, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for $4,000 damages.

The suit of B. Frank Biggs vs. Merritt B. Smith, of Cecilton, executor of the late Mrs. Annie H. Gonce, of lower Cecil county, resulted in a verdict in favor of the executor. The suit to set aside Mrs. Gance's will was tried in the Circuit Court at Elkton about a year ago, when a verdict was rendered in favor of the palintiff, Mr. Biggs. When the case was carried to the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the findings of the lower court were set aside, and the case remanded back to the Circuit Court.

Peter Amandio, of Philadelphia, who was found guilty of bigamy, was sentenced to serve 18 months in the Maryland Penitentiary. In 1935, Amandio came to Elkton, in company with Miss Josephine Jebwabny, also of Philadelphia, and they were married. Later, it was learned that Amandio had another wife living. The court also signed on order annulling the marriage.

John Rands, of Colora section, found guilty on an immorality charge was sentenced to eight years in Maryland Penitentiary.

Oppose Beer License For People's Camp

State's Attorney Asks License Board To Close Place

Sheriff Eugene Racine and States Attorney E. D. E. Rollins have asked the Board of County Commissioners to close the People's Camp near Porters Bridge. It was at this road house that a drunken brawl and shooting of Paul and Earle Edreth occurred by a man named Mayberry in December. Both men recovered while Mayberry is still at large. The road house has been the scene of several disorders.

BENTZTOWN BARD PAYS BRIEF VISIT

Mr. Folger McKinsey, of Baltimore familiarly known as "Bentztown Bard," made a brief stop in Rising Sun on Monday morning, as he started on a week's tour of the Eastern Shore.

The Bard will publish daily accounts in the Baltimore Sun, of things of interest that he sees in his rambles down the Eastern Shore, stopping at various points. After traversing the Shore, he will later visit other parts of Maryland, giving his impressions in the Baltimore Sun.

Mr. McKinsey has for the driver of his car a man who has the reputation of being the best driver in the State, Mr. Moore, who despite the that he has but one arm, does not have the blemish of an accident to mar his record, at the wheel, after having driven thousands of miles.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

On Thursday evening, April 1, at 7:45, the Upper Grades will present an entertainment in three parts. Grade Five will give "Once in a Western Land;" Grade Six, "The Trial of Jimmy Slang", and Grade Seven a Musical Program. The admission for adults will be 25 cents and for children of elementary school age 15 cents.

The money obtained from this entertainment will be used to help purchase "The World Book Encyclopedia."

TALKING PICTURES POSTPONED

The free talking pictures, advertised for Saturday evening, March 27, at the show rooms of Scott Wilson & Son, DeSoto and Plymouth dealers, Rising Sun, have been postponed, and will be given on a date announced later.

Personal And Social

Miss Anna Haines is home from Dickinson Seminary for the Easter holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Marker were recent visitors of relatives in Roanoke, Va.

Ross Cameron, of Freehold, N. J., was a week-end visitor of his father. Jesse T. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Dodd, of Philadelphia, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. Clifton Kirk, near town.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Dodson entertained a number of friends at bridge on Monday evening, at their home on Queen street.

Miss Miriam Ingrim, of Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa., is spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ingram.

Mrs. George Reynolds, of Rising Sun, is spending some time with her brother and sister, Emmor and Louella Spencer, at West Grove, Pa.

Mrs. Clarence McCullough, Washington; Mrs. Addie Beal, Baltimore; Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Underwood, North East, were dinner guests of Mrs. Nelson James.

Miss Ruth Wilson, of Hood's College, Frederick, Md., is spending the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson, near town.

Judge J. Frank Blake of the Orphans' Court for Cecil County who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last week, at his home at Childs, is reported as improving.

Chas. S. Pyle, who was a patient in a Philadelphia hospital, where he sustained a mastoid operation, has so far recovered as to be able to return to his home here on Thursday, and is recuperating rapidly.

DEAN—WARBURTON

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Sarah Emma Dean, daughter of Mrs. John Howard Dean, of North East, and Mr. William T. Warburton, son of Mrs. Thomas K. Warburton, of near North East. The wedding took place on Feb. 2 at the parsonage of the M. P. Church, at Easton, Md., the Rev. Dr. Edgar Reade officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Warburton will live in North East.

BOYLES—MORGAN

Miss Anna Evelyn Boyles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyles, of Warwick, and Mr. Clifton W. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Morgan, of Chesapeake City, were married at the parsonage of the Elkton Methodist Church on Saturday evening, March 13, by the Rev. Melvin Whaetley.

The bride wore aqua blue with gray accessories, and carried white rose buds. She was attended by Miss Elizabeth Clay, who wore gray with navy blue accessories and carried sweet peas. Mr. William Boyles, brother of the bride. was best man.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

Certificate Holders Receive Distribution

Elkton Banking & Trust Co. To Disburse $80,000

The Board of Directors of the Elkton Banking & Trust Company, on Thursday, ordered a payment of 10 per cent on the outstanding certificates of beneficial interest of the Cecil Mortgage and Certificate Company. The payment, amounting to about $81,000 was begun on Monday, when checks were issued to certificate holders.

The distribution on Monday is the first since the reorganization.

Before a disposition could be made to the holders of Certificates it was necessary for the bank to pay off the government $275,000 with interest. This has been done and the Government officials and Banking Commissioner has approved the disposition of ten per cent to the depositors.

CECIL FARM BUREAU BANQUET

Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland; Mrs. Roy Weagley, home and community chairman of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation, and C. E. Wise, secretary of the Maryland Farm Bureau, have accepted invitations to speak at the seventh annual banquet of the Cecil County Farm Bureau in the auditorium of the North East High School on April 2nd.

Counties Urge Welfare Program

Chairmen Of Boards Send Statement To General Assembly

A statement signed by the chairman of the twenty-three county welfare boards was sent to the General Assembly on Saturday, urging enactment of the complete State welfare and relief program.

The statement was released by David S. Jenkins, chairman of the Anne Arundel County Welfare Board, who is president of the Association of County Welfare Boards.

"The Welfare Board of the State has very recently made a complete study of the public assistance needs in each county," the statement said.

"As a result of that study, we, the chairmen, go on record emphasizing the need for the program presented to the Legislature by the Board of State Aid and Charities, including unemployables, partially employables and employables.

"We consider the estimates very conservative, and no provision has been made for any changes in the WPA, PWA and CCC programs, or for any other factors unknown at the present time. Failure to enact the complete program will cause serious hardship and suffering.

The Board of State Aid and Charities program calls for $10,000,000 a year, of which the State would be asked to furnish $6,000,000. The program would involve the appropriation of $15,000,000 by the General Assembly for the two years and a-half, beginning April 1.

A delegation urging the enactment of this program appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee at Annapolis on Tuesday.

The February report of the Board of State Aid and Charities was issued Saturday, showing 27,347 families were receiving aid in all categories. Of these, 15,493 were in Baltimore and 11,854 in the counties.

There was an 11.7 percent increase over January in general public assistance cases. The total number was 8,753, including 6,607 city and 2,146 county families. The relief trend was upward in the city and in eighteen counties, with the total for the month considerably larger than the December estimate.

In the social-security program aid was given to 12,680 old-age pensioners, 5,144 families containing dependent children, and 590 blind persons.

There were 7,240 old-age pensioners in the counties, against 5,620 in the city. In the counties 2,253 families received aid under the dependent-children program and 215 blind persons were helped, with the numbers for the city 2,891 and 375, respectively.

Total welfare payments on all programs were $603,014.07 for the month. Of this sum, $2.0,336.81 went for oldage pensions, $160,767.18 for aid to dependent children, $11,360.15 for aid to the blind, and $210,549.93 for general public assistance.

HOMEMAKERS' STUDYING OLD CHURCHES

The Homemakers' Clubs in Cecil county, have started a study of the old churches in the county. St. Stephens' P. E. Church, near Earleville, is 245 years old; St. Francis. Catholic near Warwick, is 233 years old; Brick Meeting House, Quaker, at Calvert, is 228 years old; West Nottingham near Colora, Presbyterian, 213 years old; St. Mary's Episcopal, at North East, is 195 years old; Rock Church, Presbyterian, near Fail Hill, is 178 years old; St. Paul's Methodist, at Earleville, is 192 years old. The history of each of these edifices will be studied.

BAKES FOR CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

The Women's Democratic Club of Cecil county will sponsor a county-wide series of bakes on Friday, April 2, in which members of the organization in every section of the county will participate. According to the plans a bake will be held in each of the nine districts, at a central point, with members of the club in charge.

The proceeds will be donated to the Children's Aid Society of Cecil County.

MD. TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION CLINIC

Dr. W. A. Bridges, of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, will conduct a clinic in Rising Sun on Tuesday, April 13, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.