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13 Counties Face Financial Difficulties

Levying Of Additional Taxes To Meet The Situation Is Suggested

Thirteen of the twenty-three Maryland counties are facing financial problems during the present quarter because the relief tax bill indefinitely suspends the distribution of funds for general public assistance.

J. Milton Patterson, executive secretary of the Board of State Aid and charities, made this disclosure, asserting that eight counties already were "in the red" in their relief accounts on April 1 and that five more have insufficient money to carry them through the quarter.

The county shortages are in addition to the acute financial problem which Baltimore city faces as a result of the Legislature's failure to make adequate relief funds available.

The acuteness of the problem, both in the city and in the counties, is due largely to a provision of the new relief bill transferring about $1,000,000 in direct relief funds, provided by the 1936 emergency tax program, to the general welfare account of the 1937 program.

Mr. Patterson said the twenty-three counties need $121,833.20 for the quarter from April 1 to June 30, according to advance estimates. The counties have about $84,000 on hand, and that is concentrated largely in the comparatively rich counties with small relief burdens.

Th eannual levy date of some counties already has passed, and in this case there is no recourse except to borrow.

Cecil county, as of April 1, has a relief balance of $2,343.45, and the amount needed is $3,957.59.

PERRYVILLE RESIDENT FATALLY INJURED

A speeding black sedan, which contained, in addition to the driver, a small child passenger, Saturday night struck and fatally injured T. Morgan Owens, of Perryville, as he attempted to cross Gay street, Baltimore, in the 1700 block. The car failed to stop after the accident, police were told.

Identification of the victim was established through papers found in his pockets. He was rushed to Johns Hopkins Hospital by Herbert Werheiser, of Bethlehem, Pa., but on arrival was pronounced dead of a skull fracture and internal injuries.

Patrolmen John Buskey and Chas. Hagemann, of No. 24 Radio Car, were called to the scene and instituted an immediate search for the driver of the death car. Witnesses described it as a new machine, and said a small child was riding in the seat next to the operator.

Senior High School Class Presents Play

An audience that filled every available seat that could be crowded into the auditorium of Rising Sun High School, greeted the presentation of the Senior Class play, "Here Comes Charlie," on Friday evening last, with applause and laughter, as the play was a good one and was presented in a manner that won much praise for every member of the cast.

The different characters were all well portrayed and the play greatly enjoyed by every one present.

The clever three act comedy was full of funny situations and scintillated with wit, and, too, had a wholesome moral, all of which were well brought out by the actors as the story unfolded.

The play was coached by Miss Natter, of the English Department, to whom great credit is due.

The gross receipts were about $125, which the class will devote to their graduating expenses.

The cast was as follows:

Nora Malone, Pearl Ewing; Officer Tim McGrill, Harvey Townsend; Mrs. Fanny Farnham, Catherine Keilholtz; Larry Elliott, Kirk Gifford; Ted Hartley, Hubert Webb; Vivian Smythe-Kersey, Elsie Brammer; Aleck Twiggs, Herbert Dinsmore; Charlie Hopps, Genevieve Foster; Mortimer Smythe-Kersey, Eugene Tharp.

Music was furnished by the High School orchestra, assisted by members of school orchestras from North East and Havre de Grace, and was under direction of Prof. Rheinhart.

It is better to know a little than to know a whole lot that isn't true.

Briefly Noted News

Miss Mildred Cleaves, of Elkton, sustained a double fracture of one leg, and other injuries, by a fall from a step ladder.

The Field Trials of the Eastern Shore Coon Hunter's Association will be held on the Clarence Webb farm, near Cecilton, Saturday, May 2.

Mr. John Reynolds, of near Blue Ball, has purchased the new residence of Charles J. Wells, on Elkton Heights, where he will shortly move with his family.

Arrested near Myersdale, Pa., Oscar Sevearman, has been lodged in Elkton jail. He is charged with having beaten, and seriously injuring Mrs. Catherine Goodyear.

The Elkton Parent-Teachers Association has endorsed Mrs. Sidney Dixon for appointment as School Commissioner to succeed Fred Lewis, whose term will expire May 1st.

Police Magistrate Walter C. Miller, of Elkton, sentenced Donald Trout, a young man of that neighborhood, to six months in the House of Correction on the charge of carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Rising Sun firemen were called to the bungalow near Korner Ketch, occupied by Grafton Sewell, between seven and eight o'clock Sunday evening, to extinguish a chimney fire. No damage was done.

The bridge over the mill race at Connor's Mill near Calvert, broke through with a heavy loaded Hershey's candy truck on Wednesday last. Foreman K. E. Gifford and men had a new one in by Saturday.

The recently elected officers of Calvert Ladies Aid are Mrs. Helen Foster, president; vice president, Mrs. Paul England; secretary, Mrs. Robert Tice; treasurer, Mrs. Miller Hall; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. G. E. Gifford and Mrs. Gus Schram.

To Honor Cecil Steamboat Pioneer

Historical Society To Erect Marker To James Rumsey

Plans are being made by the Cecil County Historical Society to sponsor a celebration about May 1 in memory of James Rumsey, credited by many with the invention of the steamboat, who at one time lived near Warwick, this county. Rumsey lived for many years in this county, before going to Harford county.

A marker will be placed near the scene of his Cecil County home. It is expected that many will attend the ceremony. Following the placing of the historical marker, former-Senator Thomas Bayard of Delaware, will receive the group at his home on Bohemia Manor.

DIPHTHERIA CLINICS IN COUNTY

In calling attention to a series of diphtheria clinics which are scheduled to be held in various sections of the county, Dr. Clinton Kane, in charge of the Cecil County Health Department, states that the county was entirely free of this disease in 1936. This record, he maintains, can be continued if every child be immunized between the ages of six and one year.

In order that this advantage may be given to the children of the county, a series of clinics has been arranged and parents are requested to take their children to the one nearest their home in order that they may be immunized and be given this protection. The date, place and time of the clinics are as follows:

Friday, April 23—Warwick School, Warwick. 1:00-1:30 p. m.; Cecilton School, Cecilton, 1:45-2:15 p. m.

Monday, April 26—North East School, North East, 1:30-2:30 p. m.

Wednesday, April 28—Cherry Hill School, Cherry Hill, 1:00-1:30 p. m.; Chesapeake City School, Chesapeake City, 2:15-3:00 p. m.

Friday, April 30—Calvert School, Calvert, 1:30-2:15 p. m.; Rising Sun School, Rising Sun, 2:30-3:30 p. m.

Monday, May 3—Liberty Grove School, Liberty Grove, 1:15-2:00 p. m.; Washington Hall, Port Deposit, 2:15-3:15 p. m.

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Thursday evening, April 29, grades I to IV will present a program for the regular monthly meeting of P. T. A. In connection with this on the same evening these grades will hold a bake in the Home Economics room. The help of all friends of our school will be appreciated.

Little Girl Struck By Automobile

Suffers Fracture Of The Skull And Other Injuries

Little Helen Reed, aged eleven years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reed, of this town, is a patient in Havre de Grace Hospital, suffering from a fracture of the skull and other less serious injuries, sustained on Friday, about noon, when struck by an auto driven by G. C. Ruffis, Jr., of Dover, New Jersey.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Main and Queen streets, and it appears that the little girl started across the street just as the traffic light flashed green, the auto starting forward at the same time. The child was struck and thrown, her head striking the concrete curbing, at the National Bank. She jumped up and ran to her home on Pearl street, followed all the way by Mr. Ruffis, who was naturally greatly concerned.

The little girl did not appear to be badly hurt, but Dr. George Knauff, who was called, deemed it advisable to take her to the hospital. Later, an X-ray revealed a fracture of the skull. The little patient appears to be improving, but her complete recovery will necessarily require a considerable length of time.

HIT-AND-RUN VICTIM

Another victim of the hit-and-run auto driver was added to the steadily mounting list on Sunday night, when Howard Alvin Nickle, aged 32 years, of near Conowingo, was struck and killed on Route 222, at what is known as Five Points, near Oakwood.

The unfortunate man suffered a fractured skull, and died almost instantly. Dr. R. C. Dodson was called, but the victim was dead when picked up from the roadway.

The hit-and-run driver did not stop, and his identity is not known.

Howard Alvin Nickle was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Nickle, was born and spent his entire life in the Conowingo neighborhood. He was unmarried. His parents, one sister and one brother survive.

Awards For Properties Along Canal

More than $30,000 in awards have been rendered in 23 cases of property condemnations for the widening of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in proceedings in the United States District Court in Baltimore, where members of the Elkton bar have represented property owners in the Second and Third districts of Cecil county.

In some cases land bordering on the canal has been appraised and condemned at a rate of over $300 an acre. One small lot at Bethel, owned by the People's Bank of Elkton, drew a $550 award.

Mrs. Margaret McKenney, of Elkton was awarded $16,000 with interest for nearly two years, for a portion of her farm on Back Creek. George Titter and Mrs. Agnes Titter were awarded $6,000 for house and lot in Chesapeake City, and $4,600 for 13 acres of land along Back Creek. Mrs. Katie Hnycek was awarded $5,300 for 30 acres of land along Back Creek.

DELEGATIONS BEFORE BOARD OF EDUCATION

At the meeting of the Board of Education in Elkton, three delegations appeared. Wade Goodman, of near Conowingo, was spokesman for a group from the Eighth district, requesting a consolidation of elementary schools in that district. The Board was in sympathy with the request but could not give the group an assurance at that time.

A delegation from the Fourth district headed by Mrs. Osborne Mackey appealed to the Board to retain the high school at Kenmore. Although no action was taken by the Commissioners, there has been some discussion of making Kenmore an elementary school exclusively.

The third delegation was from the First district. William Price, spokesman, requested that the colored children be transported by bus from Middle Neck to Warwick. This application was received favorably but action was reserved.

There is one good thing about the man with trouble on his mind. He never breaks into your office humming jazz tunes.

School Attendance In Cecil County

Report Of Attendance Officer For Month Of March

The report of School Attendance Officer Edwin H. Barnes, for the month of March, shows that Pilot led the one-teacher schools in Cecil county in attendance averages, Elk Mills the two-teacher schools, Elkton the graded schools, Kenmore the high schools and Wilson the colored schools. The averages are as follows:

One room schools: Pilot 98, Charlestown 96, Earleville 92, New Bridge 91, Zion 91, Jackson 90, Principio 88, Liberty Grove, Marion 87, Cherry Hill, Wesley, Warwick, Harts and Johnson 86, New Valley 84, Jefferson, Chapel 82, Oakwood and Fair Hill 81, Blake 79, Pond's Neck 77, Union 77, Fingerboard and Pleasant Hill 76, Pierce's Neck 74, Town Point 64, Rowlandville 62.

Two room schools: Elk Mills 94, Providence 91, Perry Point 89, Cherry Hill 87, Leeds 86, Colora 76.

Graded schools: Elkton 91, Calvert 90, Perryville 88, North East 88, Cecilton 86, Rising Sun 85, Chesapeake City 83.

High schools: Kenmore 95, Elkton 92, North East 91, Perryville 90, Cecilton 90, Chesapeake City 90, Rising Sun 90, Calvert 88.

Colored schools: Wilson 98, Elkton 92, North East 91, Conowingo 89, Chesapeake City 87, Cecilton 86, Cokesbury 85, Port Deposit 81, Manor 80, Cedar Hill 55; Elkton colored high school 88.

ST. MARY'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

The 150th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Joseph Coudon, who was the first priest to be ordained by Bishop White after his consecration in England, will be observed at St. Mary's P. E. Church, North East, in May.

The 150th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Joseph Coudon will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30. Tome School, Port Deposit; St. Andrew's School, Middletown, Del.; Christ's Church, Philadelphia; St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, and St. John's Cathedral Church, Wilmington, Del., will participate in this celebration.

Raid On Road House

Officers Seize Thirty-One Gallons Of Liquor—Make One Arrest

Upon making their rounds of inspection of road houses and restaurants where intoxicating liquors were sold, in the upper part of Cecil County, Deputies Sheriff Lewis A. Seth and Elwood Racine of Elkton, on Thursday night last, confiscated 31 gallons of alleged illegal liquor at the place operated by Mrs. Brown Jennings, near Porters Bridge. The proprietress was not at home, and Walter Anderson was found in charge of the place.

Anderson was arrested and taken before Magistrate George L. Ewing, of Rising Sun, who imposed a fine of $50 and costs on him.

HEADS ELKTON ROTARIANS

James W. Hughes, of the Elkton Bar, has been elected president of Elkton Rotary Club; Henry Pippin, vice-president, and Edwin H. Barnes, secretary and treasurer. Directors elected are: Lynn B. Gillespie, Harry L. Croak, Harry W. Pippin, Edward Crothers, Franklin A. Alexander and Roy Schmidt. Mr. Hughes was elected delegate to the district convention at Annapolis, May 3 and 4.

Harry W. Pippin and Edward Crothers will represent the club at the international convention in France in June. Both Mr. Pippin and Mr. Crothers will take their families on the trip and tour Europe before returning home.

NOTICE—TOWN MEETING

The annual Town Meeting for the purpose of hearing the Treasurer's report, the nomination of Commissioners to serve during the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held in the Public Hall, Tuesday, April 27th, at 8:00 oclock p' m.

The Commissioners of Rising Sun,
E. L. Haines, Sec.

REGULATES WEIGHTS OF LOADS

The bill regulating weights and trucks, and loads allowed on Maryland highways has been signed by the Governor.

Personal And Social

Ralph Gifford, of Louisville, Ky., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. D. L. Gifford, Zion, Md.

Mrs. Everett Johnson entertained the Young Ladies Bridge Club at her home near town, on Wednesday evening.

Mr. John Stump, one of Perryville's oldest citizens, observed his 93rd birthday on Thursday last, April 15.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and son Jimmie, of Pitman, N. J., and Miss Shearer, of Wenonah, N. J., were Sunday visitors of H. K. Thomas and family.

Mrs. Ella Slack, of near Newark, Del., announces the engagement of her daughter, Marian E. Slack, to Frank V. Glenn, Newark, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Glenn, Williamsport, Pa. The wedding will take place in the near future.

BRAUNE—MANNING

Miss Anna Manning, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Jeffrey, of Wilmington, and Mr. Leslie Braune, of Newark, Del., were married Saturday evening, April 10, at the home of the bridegroom's parents, by Rev. J. Edward Layton, pastor of Holly Oak M. E. Church.

The bride had as her only attendant Miss Jane Braune, a sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Irving Manning, brother of the bride, was best man.

Lions Entertain District Officers Association

Banquet Served In High School Auditorium By Ladies Of Ebenezer

The Rising Sun Lions Club acted as host to the representatives of the Lions District Officers Association, which met in quarterly session here on Thursday evening last. The ladies of Ebenezer served a splendid banquet in the auditorium of the School, to which about sixty Lions and their guests sat down.

Following a motion picture, District Governor Joseph Molz, of Baltimore, presided over the business session of the Association, with E. Willis Lamoreen, of Baltimore, as District Secretary, and routine business was transacted.

The Lions Clubs represented were: Mayflower Club, Washington, D. C.; Silver Springs, Md.; Uptown Club, Baltimore; Downtown Club, Baltimore; Wilmington, Del.; Newark, Del.; Frederick, Md.; Aberdeen, Md.; Hamilton, Md.; Salisbury, Md.; Rising Sun.

PHARMACISTS GATHER AT ELKTON

With about seventy members present from various parts of the State, the spring meeting of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, Thursday afternoon and night.

Addresses were made by Dr. E. F. Kelly, Dr. Robert K. Swain, of Baltimore, and several other members. There also was a round-table discussion of measures passed by the General Assembly.

STOLE TIRES AND OTHER ACCESSORIES

Charged with stealing tires and other accessories from the automobile of Harry W. Ross, of Delaware City, Del., while it was parked in Chesapeake City, Ross being employed on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal project, Albert and James Rhoades of Chesapeake City section, have been lodged in the county jail at Elkton to await a hearing.

ATTACKED BY BULL

James Blanchfield, 20 years old, son of William T. Blanchfield, a farmer near Chesapeake City, is a patient in Union Hospital Elkton, suffering from a fractured skull and other injuries suffered when attacked by a bull on his father's farm. The young man was driving the cattle into the barnyard when attacked and knocked down. The animal attempted to gore his victim when assistance arrived.

DEPUTY SHERIFF PURCHASES BANG-TAIL

Chief Deputy Sheriff Lewis A. Seth has purchased from William duPont the sorrel gelding Paridy by Satrap at private sale. Mr. Seth said the horse is now in training and will be entered in the races at all the nearby tracks during the coming meets.

Dry Bill Passed But Turns Wet

Legislative Trickery Makes Sunday Closing Measure Wide Open

Charges of "legislative trickery" are being sounded in "dry" circles of Cecil County as a result of the passage of a bill in the last minute rush of the Maryland General Assembly which turned out to be a wide open measure instead of one providing for a closed Sunday as expected.

That appeals will be made to have Governor Nice veto the measure in case Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor rules it was legally passed is predicted.

The measure was supposed to prohibit all sales of alcoholic beverages in Cecil County on Sundays. It was passed after a stormy voyage between the House and Senate. First, it was introduced in the Senate, with the provision that permission be given clubs to sell liquor and beer on week-days and Sundays.

When it reached the House it was amended so as to give hotels the privilege of selling liquor in packages, the same privilege accorded grocery stores and drug stores under the law.

When it was returned to the Senate, it was rejected, resulting in conference committees being appointed by the two houses to iron out the differences on the bill.

The result was that practically a new bill was drawn and adopted by the committees, which gave clubs the right to sell intoxicating liquors and the hotels to sell liquor in packages, but all Sunday sales in the county were banned under the new bill. The beer and liquor people were up in arms when they learned what had taken place, and some of the drys were jubilant.

However, the climax came when the bill appeared on the desk of Governor Nice for signature, after having come back from the state printer.

It was discovered that it was not the bill that had been passed, but another one which practically threw the entire county wide-open for sale of intoxicating beverages. In some manner it is believed, someone opposed to the measure, slipped the contents of the bill as passed out of its cover and then substituted the wet bill in its place.

Governor Nice has taken no action on the bill, but has asked the attorney general to make a ruling before he takes final action. It is understood that both the House and Senate Journals contain the matter contained in the bill as it was passed.

Held For Theft Of Packard Automobile

Prisoner Also Alleged To Have Confessed To Hold Up

The new Packard car owned by William Ira Bryan of Port Deposit, stolen more than a week previous while parked in front of his place of business in that town, was found abandoned in a woods near Conowingo, and Adolph Cameron, 20 years old, also of that section, was arrested and lodged in the county jail, charged with the theft. It is alleged that he not only confessed the theft of the car but admitted to officers that he recently held up the attendant of a filling station in Lancaster county, Pa.

Officer Jones, of the Md. State Police Force, was instrumental in the finding of the car and arrest of Cameron, who is held for action of Cecil County Grand Jury.

Sixteen-year-old Charles McCardle of the Liberty Grove section, was implicated by Cameron with the theft of the automobile and holdup of a gasoline filling station in Lancaster county, Pa.

AWNINGS BURNED

The Rising Sun Hotel has had awnings placed about the spacious porch that extends along the front and side of the building, and all the windows and doors, have also been similarly draped, adding much to the appearance of the hotel.

New awnings have also been placed over the fronts of Allee & Shepherd and Woodrow & James stores.

While workmen were engaged in placing the awnings about the hotel some careless cigarette smoker, and there are a host of such, tossed a lighted cigarette onto a bunch of the awnings lying on the ground, starting a fire that ruined four of the window drapes.