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## FEATURES IN THIS ISSUE


The fantastic but true story of a man who came out of prison to receive the Nobel peace prize is told by Lemuel F. Parton in "Who's New This Week."

Pa Paffle, troubled by a leaky roof, buys a canopy bed. See "Mescal Ike" in our comic section.

Joe Louis is likely to remain heavyweight champ for some time to come, thinks George Barclay, sports writer. Read his fight postmortem under "Speaking of Sports."

Tragedy molds the fate of a serene Boston family in "Crucible," the new serial by Ben Ames Williams.

The President, opposed to the dole, is still looking for a solution of unemployment problem. E. W. Pickard discusses it in "Weekly News Review."

County Tax Rate increased. Tome School sold. Dr. France granted divorce. Other interesting news on first and last pages.


## Welfare Board Monthly Report

The regular monthly meeting of the Cecil County Welfare Board was held on Monday evening, June 27th, 1938.

The following are the amounts spent for various classes of relief during the month of May:

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| General Public Assistance | $537.33 |
| Old Age Assistance | 4794.52 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 2781.48 |
| Aid to Needy Blind | 130.96 |
| Administration | 876.88 |
| | $9121.17 |

Cases handled and number receiving relief for month of May were as follows:

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| General Public Assistance cases | 295 |
| Received payment | 64 |
| Received Service only | 231 |
| Cases closed during month | 97 |
| New cases at end of month | 60 |
| Aid to Needy Blind cases | 8 |
| Received payment | 8 |
| New cases at end of month | 2 |
| Aid to Dependent Children..... 102 families (264 children) | |
| Received payment ..... 99 families (257 children) | |
| Received service only ..... 3 families (7 children) | |
| Cases closed during month ..... 2 families (6 children) | |
| New cases pending at end of month. 5 families (13 children) | |
| Old Age Assistance cases | 294 |
| Received payment | 281 |
| Received service only | 13 |
| Cases closed during month | 3 |
| New cases at end of month | 130 |

Peirre N. LeBrun, chairman.

## County Home Demonstration Agent

Miss Helen Smith, of Prince George's county, newly appointed Home Demonstration Agent for Cecil County, assumed her duties on Friday last.

Miss Smith was appointed by the Extension Service following the resignation of Miss Gertrude Denning now Mrs. Leon H. Conine, Jr.

Miss Smith is a graduate of University of Maryland. She will make a tour of the Homemakers' clubs.

### WELFARE CASE WORKER

Miss Roberta Craig of near Port Deposit has assumed her duties as a case worker for the Cecil County Welfare Board. She was recently appointed to take the place of Mrs. J. R. Field who has removed to Prince Anne where Mr. Field is Rector of the Episcopal Church. Miss Miss Craig is a former teacher in the down town Tome School.

### 61ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Armour, Greenhurst, celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary at their summer home on North East river, Tuesday evening, June 21. Guests were their children and their families and a few close friends.

The Rev. Leonard White, pastor of Newark, Del., M. E. church, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Mildred E. White, to John M. Singles, also of Newark. Miss White, a senior at the Women's College, University of Delaware, is a student dietician at the Homeopathic hospital. She is a graduate of the Wicomico High school, Salisbury, and attended the Lucy Webb Hazes school in Washington, and the State Teachers' College in Salisbury.

## Briefly Noted News

Happy Valley camp, near Port Deposit, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Williams, opened July 1.

Miss Lila Todd, of Rising Sun, was an honor student at State Teachers College, Salisbury, making an average grade of B or better in all work.

The offices of the Jacob Tome Institute have been transferred from Memorial Hall on the hill, to the Junior School building in the town of Port Deposit.

The first floor of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Clark, of North East, was badly damage a few days ago by the explosion of a water tank in the cellar.

Third District Democratics will assemble at the New Central Hotel, Elkton, Friday night, for the purpose of organizing a Democratic campaign club.

The marriage license business was brisk in Elkton during the month of June, when 1260 couples secured licenses. In the same month last year 912 licenses were issued.

Willie Jones, 22 yrs. of age colored, is in Elkton jail awaiting trial, charged with forging an unemployment compensation check issued in the name of Frank Brown.

Miss Marion Blackburn, of Port Deposit, who suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident last September, has recovered sufficiently to resume her duties as secretary to County Health officer Dr. Clinton Kane.

Miss Mary A. Kintner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Kinter of Aikin who was graduated from Tome School recently, was awarded the Rowland Cup for having the highest scholarship record for the entire school course.

Wheeler & Grier, Oxford realtors, have sold for W. G. Runkles his 44 acre farm in Elk Township, near Hickory Hill, Pa., to Albert M. Davis of Philadelphia. Mr. Davis will improve the buildings and occupy the place as a Summer home.

## Perryville National Bank Anniversary

Organized in 1918, the Perryville National Bank was twenty years old on July 1. The organizers were Joseph Coudon, John A. Hartenstine, James F. McGraw, William Cole, and J. T. C. Hopkins, Jr.

The first directors were Joseph Coudon, William H. Cole, Jr., James Gardner, John A. Hartenstine, Norris C. Cameron, James F. Magraw, William H. Cole and J. T. C. Hopkins, Jr.

Joseph Coudon was the bank's first president; William H. Cole, vice president; J. T. C. Hopkins, Jr., vice president and George H. Cobourn, cashier.

The capital at the time of organization was $50,000 and surplus, $5,000. The present capital stock is $50,000; surplus, $55,000; undivided profits $13,000 and deposits amounting to $735,000.

The present Directors are Joseph Couden William H. Cole, James F. Magraw, John A. Hartenstine and George J. Liddell.

The personel of officers and employees are: Joseph Coudon, president; William H. Cole, vice president; W. E. Alexander, cashier; Melvin H. Hartenstine, teller, and Velva M. Krauss, bookkeeper.

## Apply For PWA Sewer Aid

At the adjourned meeting of Oxford Borough Council, Monday evening, four Councilmen voted for a plan prepared by Albright & Friel for PWA assistance to sewer the entire borough. The Federal grant, if O. K.'ed will provide around $118,000, or 45% of the total cost of the system which is estimated to run over $250,000.

Mr. Friel explained the different methods of raising funds for the project and Council adopted a plan by which about half of the estimated $150,000 borough share would be raised by non-debt revenue bonds and the other half by sewer assessment, running around a dollar a front foot. —Oxford Press.

### SALE OF GUERNSEY BULL

A purebred Guernsey bull, Bessie's King Challenger 237558 was sold recently by Donaldson Brown of Port Deposit, to R. R. Cassily of Aberdeen, according to the American Cattle Club, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

### NATIONAL GUARD EMCAMPMENT

Captain Russell M. George announces that Company E. of Elkton, will encamp at Camp Ritchie on July 16. Governor's Day will be visiting day when Governor Nice will review the troops. Entertainment will be provided nightly for the troops and a trip will be made to Pen Mar and other nearby resorts.

## Dr. France Wins Divorce Suit

### Decree Is Granted By Judge Knotts In Circuit Court For Cecil County

The romance of Dr. Joseph Irwin France of Port Deposit, one-time U. S. Senator from Maryland and 1932 aspirant to the Republican Presidential nomination, and the Russian emigre he married in 1927 in Paris ended Tuesday in divorce.

Circuit Court Judge J. Owen Knotts filed his opinion Tuesday, granting Dr. France's request for divorce on grounds of five-year separation.

The court held for "future determination" the allowance, "if any," which shall be made to the defendant (Mrs. France) for "permanent alimony."

Judge Knotts stated in his opinion the evidence showed that shortly after the marriage "troubles and misunderstandings" arose and that during a "large part" of their marriage, Dr. and Mrs. France lived "more or less in a state of turbulence and discord."

Mrs. France testified during lengthy hearings of the suit that she went to Europe in 1931 with her mother because Dr. France "had to devote all his time to his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination."

She denied she deserted him and said she was to come back after the campaign was over.

Mrs. France is the daughter of Vladimir Dechterev, former wealthy Russian and a judge under the Czar, who was executed during the Russian revolution.

## Cecil County Veteran At Gettysburg

Mr. Henry Jackson, 94-year old veteran of the Civil War, of Aiken, was Cecil county's lone Civil War veteran in attence at the re-union at Gettysburg on the 75th anniversary of that great battle. While camping on that historic battle ground, he was cared for by a relative, Mr. Elmer Ruth, of Elk Mills.

Born at Craigtown, Cecil county, Mr. Jackson enlisted in the Union Army in Baltimore and was in the service for three years. Besides other important engagements, he participated in the battle of Antietem. He emerged unscathed and enjoys good health.

He married Miss Elizabeth Ann Pennington, of Leslie, Cecil county who died in 1918. There were ten children, eight boys and two girls, five of whom are now living. They are Winfield Scott Jackson, of Texas, Pa.; Earl, of Fishing Creek, Pa., William, of Rising Sun, and Mrs. Samuel Thompson, of Perryville.

Mr. Jackson was a member of Snow's Battery during the war.

## The Fourth

The Fourth was everything that could be desired, as far as the weather was concerned, as the day was ideal.

In our town it was observed quietly, until the late hours of night, when all the pent up enthusiasm seemed to burst forth in Center Square, with surplus stock of noise making fireworks being put off before the Natal Day passed.

The noise grew to such an extent as to draw protest from sleep-disturbed residents. The protests, however, seemed only to add enthusiasm to those who were instrumental in creating the dim, as the explosions continued until the stock of noise-making pieces was exhausted, when quiet reigned again.

## Record Summer School Enrollment

Summer school at the University of Delaware, Newark, this year is being conducted with a record enrollment of 457 students, according to the announcement made by Prof. W. A. Wilkinson, director of the session.

The 1938 group, which includes 59 out-of-state teachers, is the largest since the summer school started in 1917. A total of 394 attended last year.

## Fifth District Democratic Club Organized

The Fifth District Democratic Club of North East has been reorganized for the ensuing two years.

The following officers are to serve: President, Sandy Tamargo; vice-president, Arthur Jones; secretary Herman Hurlock; treasurer, Louis Ulary; executive committee, William Henry, chairman, George Owens, Robert Connor Harry Hansen, and Medford Letts.

## Tome School Sold For $300,000

### The Institution Will Be Continued Under New Management

Exclusive Tome School, Port Deposit, operated for nearly 47 years by the Jacob Tome Foundation, technically changed hands Friday at a sale price of $300,000.

Actually, however, the operation of the school will continue under control of the foundation until some time in December, Peter Tome, president of the foundation, said.

Then, the new Tome School Corporation, headed by Frederick S. Hemry, head of the school's modern language department, will take over complete control and management. Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, is a member of the new controlling corporation.

Tome said no cash had been paid in for the school as yet, but that the corporation has its assets on deposit and the final deal—on a part-cash, part-note basis—would be completed when actual control was transferred.

Meanwhile, the old management will conduct the school for the corporation, which will be responsible for income and expenditures made.

No important changes are contemplated in the administration, tuition regime, Tome explained, adding that the instituation will continue its policy of giving free tuition to certain county students recommended by the management of the Port Deposit Town School, the free branch of the Jacob Tome Foundation.

Tome, at one time was one of the most exclusive Eastern perparatory schools, fell into hard times during the depression and for years has been showing annual deficits which made its continued operation by the foundation a bad business venture, Tome explained.

Under the new setup, he predicted, the school would be launched on a new era of prosperity and progress.

## Bandit Given Term Of Sixty-Four Years

Carl Nagel, twenty-nine, arrested by Baltimore police June 5, after ten shotguns and four rifles were found in his automobile, was sentenced to a maximum of 64 years in the Eastern Penitentiary, Pennsylvania, for a series of hold-ups and larcenies in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

Nagel was arrested after an eight-block chase when the officers learned that the guns had been discovered in his car by a garage attendant.

He was taken to Bel Air after he told police he had stolen the weapons from a hardware store there and then turned over to the Pennsylvania authorities.

Nagel is also the thief who broke into the filling station of Lewis Garvin, in this town, and stole tires and batteries to the amount of more than $100. He also stole the license plates from the auto of M. U. Zimmerman, parked in the yard beside the Zimmerman dwelling on Cherry street.

These tags were on the car being driven by Nagel at the time he was arrested in Baltimore. The car had been stolen in York.

## Handcuffed Prisoners Make Jail-Break

Sheriff Eugene Racine, Deputy Elwood Racine and Constable Williams arrested Ross Boddy, colored, of Port Deposit, last week in connection with several thefts that had been committed in the neighborhood.

Boddy implicated Herbert Boines and Lorraine Dennison, who were arrested, handcuffed and placed in the town lock-up.

While the officers were rounding up another suspect, Arthur Massey, the prisoners in the town jail received outside help and escaped, handcuffs and all.

## Denning—Conine

Miss Winnie Gertrude Denning for three years Home Demonstration Agent for Cecil County and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adron Ivy Denning, of Cartersville, Ga., became the bride of Mr. Leon Hoes Conine, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Conine, Prattsburg, N. Y., on Thursday, June 23 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Wilmington, Del.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. Guenther, pastor of the Church.

The bride was attended by Miss Ruby Kirk of Centerville, Md., and Mr. A. I. Denning of Berea, Ky., was best man.

After August 1, they will reside at Elizabeth, N. J., where Mr. Conine is connected with the Western Electric Company of that city.

## Personal And Social

Mrs. H. P. Shaffer, of New York, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Edward Crothers, of Zion, who has been seriously ill, is on the road to recovery.

Mr. Joseph Coudon of Perryville, observed his 80th birthday anniversary on June 30.

Miss Vivian Graybeal is visiting William Graybeal and family in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Nesbitt, of Beverly Hill, Philada., were week-end visitors of Colora relatives.

George Prettyman, Zion, member of Rising Sun high school faculty, has been suffering from an attack of grippe.

Mrs. Harry Smith and daughter Jane, of Coopersburg, N. J., have been visiting Mrs. Scott Wilson and family.

Mrs. Edwin L. Haines and children, Anna and Lincoln, are enjoying a vacation at Folmouth, on Cape Cod, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Noel Williams, John Williams and Miss Miriam Williams have been visiting relatives in Wytheville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brumfield, of Willow Grove, were visitors on the Fourth of Miss Mary Brumfield and J. E. Brumfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Rlph M. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Brown, Mr. David T. Reed enjoyed the week-end at Atlantic City, N. J.

Kirk Brokaw, Hayes Martendale Glenn Olp, Jay Emery and Billy Buck enjoyed the week-end and the Fourth at Wildwood and Atlantic City.

Russell M. Grant, for the past fifteen years assistant postmaster at Childs, suffered paralytic stroke on Wednesday. He is reported slightly improved.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Roberson were Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, of Alexandira, Va., and Mrs. Samuel Broseus, of Washington, D. C.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Eva May Cazier, daughter of Mrs. May Cazier of Oxford, Pa., to Mr. Harold S. Smith, of Newark, Del., son of Mrs. Lena Smith, of Christiana. The wedding will take place in September.

The engagement of Miss Edna Coates Cooke, niece of Mr. and Mrs Charles Smedley, of near Quarryville, Pa., to Mr. Oliver W. Eastburn, III, of Newark, Del., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Eastburn, of Pleasant Hill, near Hockessin, has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. Conroy and two daughters, of New York, were Saturday-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing at the bungalow, enroute to Kansas City, Mo., where they will make their future home. Mr. Conroy is salemanager for the Transcontinental Air Lines.

## WEDDINGS

### DUNKLE—MACE

Miss Hannah Margaret Mace, of Cambridge, Md., and Mr. Maurice Albert Dunkle, of East Hickory, Pa., both members of the faculty of the North East High school, were married Monday morning, June 27, in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church at Church Creek, Dorchester county.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William McClleland, rector of the church. The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Prof. Albert S. Farver. She had as matron of honor, her sister, Mrs. Albert S. Farver and as maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Dunkle, sister of the groom.

The bride was very becomely attired in a dress of white net with wide braided girdle, finger-tip veil and carried a shower bouquet of white gladiolas. Her attendants wore dresses of pink net and lace, short veils, hydrangea blue slippers and carried blue hydrangeas.

The groom had as his best man, Mr. Edwin B. Fockler, of North East. The ushers were Messrs. Calvin Harrington, Jr., and Albert S. Farver. The wedding music was very sweetly played by Miss Elizabeth Dixon of Church Creek.

The wedding was on the anniversary of her mother's wedding and Old Trinity Church, where the wedding was solemnized is the oldest church in the county, said to have been built, according to some of the records of the church, prior to 1675.

The happy couple knelt for the blessing on the old "Prayer Cushion" which the Queen Anne of England, sent to the church and upon which she is alleged to have knelt at the time of her coronation.

They will make their future home in North East, where both have been teachers in the North Eost High School for several years.

## County Tax Rate Is Increased

### Commissioners Fix Levy At Ninety-Two Cents---Seven Cents Increase

The Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County has fixed the county tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year, which begins July 1, at 92 cents on the $100, an increase of seven cents, over the present rate.

The levy is expected to meet a budget of $420,662.46. The largest budget item the board has prepared is $236,738.60 for schools. Five welfare activities, exclusive of items for the care of outside insane, and the Union Hospital fund will cost the county $33.920.

The yield from the various levies are expected to be as follows:

Real and personal property, $39,011,896 at 92 cents on each $100, $358,909.44; securities, $7,767,675 at 30 cents, $23,303.02; bank stock, $850,000 at 50 cents, $4,250.09; corporation stocks, $1,000.000 at 92 cents, $25,000. Total, $420.662.46.

The principal budget items in the levy are as follows:

For schools, $236,738.60; outside insane, $12,500; County Commissioners' Court, $10,500; interest on bonds, $8,750; poor and insane, $5,000; redemption of school bonds, $5,000; Children's Welfare Society, $3,500; redemption of lateral roads bonds, $2,000; reserve for emergencies, $6,000; supplies for jail, $4,000; old-age pensions, $14,000; redemption of high school bonds, $10,000; to match WPA appropriation for roads, $12,685; general public assistance, $5,000; one-fifth of administration of Cecil County Welfare Board, $2,520; aid to dependent children, $3,900; lighting of towns, $3,000; elections, $15,000; local fire companies, $5,600; county health department, $4,120; circuit court witnesses, jurors, and bailffs, $4,900; Union Hospital, $5,300; cow testing, $2,000.

## Candidate For State Comptroller

P. Watson Webb, publisher of The Daily Banner and The Cambridge Record, Cambridge, Md., last week announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Comptroller.

Mr. Webb has been engaged in the newspaper business in Cambridge for thirty-three years and in addition to the newspaper business is a member of the board of directors of the County Trust Company of Maryland, the Cambridge Manufacturing Company, Eastern Shore Public Service Company, Cambridge Fair Assoication and Cambridge Country Club.

He is a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, Chestertown, Md. Was a director in the Cambridge Hospital for several years and a former president of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association.

He is a member of several branches of the Masonic fraternity including the Commandery, the Shine and the Tall Cedars and is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Elks.

## Substitute Mail Carrier

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Village Carrier for filling vacancies in the post office at Port Deposit, Md.

Application for this position must be on file with the Manager, Fouth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than July 16, 1938.

The examination is being held to fill a vacancy in the post office service.

Competitors will be required to report for written examination, which will be held approximately 15 days after the date set for the close of receipt of applications. Full information and application blank may be obtained from postmaster, at Port Deposit, Md.

## Ritchie Memorial Plan Approved

Plans for $30,000 memorial to Governor Ritchie, on the Ritchie Memorial Highway near Annapolis, were approved last week by members of the Memorial Commission at a meeting in the Baltimore Association of Commerce.

The memorial, to be financed through private contributions, will be located in central plot, 230 feet by more than 100 feet, between the traffic lanes of the highway as it reaches its crest on an elevation north of the Severn River.

From this site the highway dips down to the bridge over the river, so that a view of the state executive buildings and gubernatorial mansion will be afforded visitors.