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County Board Of Education

Delegations Discuss Various Matters With The Board

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 1939. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Dr. T. B. Moore, Vice-President, and Mrs. Wallace Williams.

The minutes of the special meetings of December 5th and December 13th, were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

Mr. E. C. Kretschman came before the Board regarding the installation of Spencer heaters in the new Chesapeake City and Cecilton schools instead of the heaters specified in the original specifications. After some discussion, the Board advised Mr. Kretachman that if it was at all possible the present boilers would be used in the new schools and no definite answer could be given as to what additional heating requirements might have to be met.

Mr. E. D. E. Rollins, Father Creswell and Mr. Henry Nocke, came before the Board in the interest of transportation for Parochial school children in Elkton. After some discussion, the Board promised to investigate the possibility of such transportation and to give any cooperation which might be permissible and possible.

A delegation from the Fourth District with Mr. H. W. Strahorn as spokesman, appeared before the Board to ask what plans had been made for the Kenmore school. The Board discussed the Architect's recommendation with this committee but pointed out that nothing could be done any more this school year. The delegation requested the Board to do everything possible toward the construction of additional rooms at the Kenmore school for next year.

A letter was received from Mrs. H. A. Cantwell, Vice Regent of the Head of Elk Chapter, D. A. R., requesting permission to award a medal to the Kenmore High School this year. This request was granted by the Board and permission was extended to the D. A. R., to make a similar presentation each year without a formal request each time.

The Superintendent informed the Board that P. W. A. approval had been received on the awarding of contracts of the construction of all schools.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the American Legion had requested permission to use the Elkton High School Auditorium for their annual amateur show. This was approved by the Board.

The Superintendent informed the Board that it was expected that legislation would be attempted this year revising the minimun teachers' salary law in the State. Outlines of the report made in this connection by a committee of County Superintendents were presented to the Board and the matter was then discussed to some extent.

The Board granted Dr. Moore and the Superintendent permission to attend the convention of the School Administrators Association in Cleveland from February 25th to March 2nd.

Permission was granted Mr. Crothers the right to vote for the Board by proxy at the annual meeting of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Mutual Fire Insurance Association to be held on Saturday, January 14th.

Ex-Police Commissioner Sentenced

William P. Lawson, former commissioner of police of Baltimore city, and ex-Republican state party chief and a member of a prominent Somerset County family, entered the House of Correction Friday to begin a three-year term for conspring to defraud customers and stockholders of his brokerage concern.

Sentenced with him, but for one-year terms each, were Frederick A. Mueller and Frank Mueller, brothers, and Vincent L. Clisham, codefendants with Lawson in his trial on illegal enterprises.

The four were sentenced by Judge Joseph N. Ulman, who presided at the trial in the Criminal Court in December.

Chesapeake City Fire Co.

The annual election of officers for the Chesapeake City Fire Company, resulted in Z. T. Cooling being elected president; Luther Postell, vice-president; Lewis Collins, secretary; Granville Proyer, treasurer; William Colling, chief.

The following were elected directors: John M. Reed, John Mason, Albert Stapp, Charles Colling, Luther Postell, Z. T. Cooling, Lewis Collins, George Knotts, John Walters, and William Cooling.

Briefly Noted News

More snow Wednesday morning, to add to that already here.

Struck in the eye by a shot from a BB rifle Bruce Baldorf, aged 10 years, of Kirkwood, Pa., is a patient in Lancaster General Hospital.

Albert Constable, Esq., of Elkton, has rented an office adjoining the Marker barber shop, for the practice of law in this town.

With the aid of a WPA grant the public playground in Port Deposit has been enlarged by extending a pier out into the river about fifty feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll C. Short, of Cecilton, have purchased from the heirs of the late J. Cavender Rowan, the latter's drug store and business at Cecilton.

A number of our residents attended the inaugural ceremonies of the new Democratic Governor, Herbert R. O'Conor, at Annopolis, on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Kathryn Goodyear, who lives on the Singerly Road near Elkton, was arrested Saturday by Sheriff Randolph on a charge of having untaxed liquor in her possession.

The President's party for Cecil County will be held in the Elkton armory Jan. 27. Lieut. Harold T. Perkins has been appointed chairman of the general committee.

Friday's snow covered the ground to a depth of between three and four inches, and brought colder weather. Saturday morning thermometers in the neighborhood recorded eight degrees.

J. Paul Slaybaugh, headmaster at West Nottingham Academy, was the guest speaker at the annual luncheon meeting at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, Monday, of the Historical Society of Cecil County.

At the town election held Jan. 9th, the voters of Charlestown elected the following men to act as town commissioners: Frank Murphy, Isaac Heisler, John Owens, Clifford Cooper, Alfrtd Lynch.

Paul Mullinix, manager of the Southern States Service at Bel Air, has been promoted as District Manager for Harford, Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Mr. Mullinix will reside in Elkton.

A steer belonging to Joseph Eshlerman, of Drumore Center, Lancaster county, broke from the pasture field and strayed onto the highway, where it was struck and killed by an auto driven by Robert Metzler, of Holtwood.

Dr. James T. Magraw of Perryville has a conch shell about the size of a man's hat, which is said to have been used in the old days of the Perryville-Havre de Grace ferry to call the ferrymen from either side of the river.

Wheeler & Grier, Realtors, Oxford, have sold for Charles C. and Ethel Krauss, the 28 acre farm near Taylorsville, Lancaster county, formerly known as the Oldham farm, to Wiley A. Heck of Nottingham, Pa., who will take immediate possession.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Demsey and daughter, of Newark, Del., have purchased the 35-acre farm of Mrs. Sarah K. Lort, near Union, Cecil county, and will move to the property. Mr. Dempsey was the former superintendent of grounds at the Red Men's Home in Newark.

Miss Julie Carr, a student at Rising Sun High School, and Miss Ginger Morris, of Bel Air High School, were given auditions over WORK, York, Pa., radio station. The auditions were successful and the two girls are now broadcasting on Wednesday evening over the same station with "Cousin Lee."

A special feature of the service conducted by the young people of the M. E. church here, on Sunday evening, was the singing of several selections by the West Nottingham Academy sextette, and a talk by Jack Warner, of Bombay, India, a student at the Academy. The speaker told of the customs in that tar country, and stressed how the "caste" system that prevails forbids the general intermingling of people in India, and hampers progress.

Cecil County Anglers

Leo. M. Moore, editor of the Havre de Grace Ledger and member of the Maryland House of Delegates, was the guest speaker at a dinner meeting held at the Ritz Hotel Elkton, Friday night by the Cecil County Anglers Club.

Officers of the club just elected for the year are as follows:

President, Mauldin Lum, North East; vice-president, Theodore Brown, Rising Sun; secretary, Nortom Singman, Elkton; treasurer, Charles H. Jeffers, Sr.; directors, Dr. Vernon McKnight, Elkton; Sherman Marcus, Elkton; Pierre Lebrun, Port Deposit; Edward Fockler, North East; and Frank Harris, Perryville.

Directors Of Banks Elected

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Peoples Bank of Elkton the following directors were reelected: G. Reynolds Ash, Nathan B. Karl, Frederick H. Leffler, David B. McDowell, John Lawrence, Argus F. Robinson, Sylvester Preston and W. Sterling Evans.

The directors elected Mr. Lawrence, President; Mr. Leffler, Vice-President and Mr. Robinson, Cashier.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the First National Bank at North East, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. R. G. Underwood, Robert C. Reeder, Alexander McDaniel, George L. Wingate, Joseph Benjamin, Wm. K. Blake and P. Jenks Smith.

The directors re-elected Dr. Underwood, President; Mr. Reeder, Vice-President and cashier; Walter G. Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Edith B. Foster, teller, and Miss Mary Collins, bookkeeper.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Perryville National Bank, the following directors were elected: Joseph Coudon, William H. Cole, Dr. J. F. Magraw, John Hartenstine and George J. Liddell. The organization is Mr. Coudon, president, W. H. Cole, vice-president and W. E. Alexander, cashier.

The stockholders of the Cecil National Bank, Port Deposit, have elected Dr. W. G. Jack, president; Pierre LeBrun, vice-president; Dean Moore, secretary; R. L. Stebbing, Clinton Logan, Chester Kimble and Miss R. Estella Butchenhart, directors; Walter Touchstone, cashier.

Bids For Susquehanna Bridge

Sealed proposals for contract No. 2, covering the construction of the entire substructure of the Susquehanna river bridge will be received by the State Roads Commission, Baltimore, until 12 o'clock noon, on January 31, 1939, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The estimated cost of the work under the P. W. A. contract is $1,320,000.

When the bridge is completed passenger cars will be required to pay a 20-cent toll. This compares with an original charge of 10 cents for use of the Susquehanna river bridge at Harrisburg, Pa., since reduced to five cents.

Trucks using the bridge will pay tolls ranging from 25 to 40 cents.

Ladies Auxiliary

Officers of the ladies' auxiliary of the Perryville Fire Company were installed Thursday night by Mrs. Bessie Marshall, state president of the auxiliary of the Maryland Firemen's Association.

Those installed were: President, Miss Edith Deweese; vice-presidents, Mrs. Herman Call and Mrs. Elizabeth Bramble; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Biddle; financial secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Mount; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Lay, and historian, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence.

Md. Press Association

The annual meeting of the Maryland Press Association will be held at Annapolis on Saturday, January 21st. The Association will be host to the Del-Mar-Va Press Association.

Luncheon will be served at Carvel Hall, at 1:00 p. m., and the speaker will be U. S. Senator Millard E. Tydings, while at the dinner meeting in the evening, Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor, will deliver an address.

Road Operations Checked

Governor O'Conor has issued an order directing the State Roads Commission to suspend all fiscal operations.

As he put it, the Governor "requested" the Republican-controlled roads body not to let any new contracts for construction or repairs, or undertake any other financial obligations, until it has conferred with him.

In short, so it was learned, the new Governor is not satisfied that the Road Commission is obtaining the maximum in return for the funds it has been expending and desires to give the fiscal structive of the department a thorough overhauling before allowing it to proceed with further work.

Melvin T. Carter and Arthur Fox, two Elkton youths at a hearing before Magistrate G. H. Cobourn in Havre de Grace, were held under $2,500 bail for the Harford County grand jury on a charge of passing a forged check drawn on the Perryville National Bank.

Probing Canal Bridge Crash

Three crew members of the freighter Waukagan were called to testifiy Tuesday before officials of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation investigating the crash of the ship into the St. George's, Del. drawbridge Jan. 10. Two men, draw bridge employes, were killed.

The officials, investigating reports of suspected sabotage prior to the crash, summoned Chester Shimp, first assistant engineer, and Gray Hazleton and John C. Martin, second and third assistant engineers on the Waukegan.

Already before the officials was testimony by Capt. John L. Reynolds, master of the freighter, that failure of the steering apparatus to operate perfectly caused the Waukegan to smash into the drawbridge, sending it and two men toppling nto the water of the Delaware Canal.

On two occasions, Reynolds said, steering difficulties had developed, and after the second time he posted a guard at the steering engine room.

The Waukegan was threatened with a collission while en route from Philadelphia to the canal because of steering trouble. Reynolds said. The following day, he said, the ship was forced into the canal banks because the steering apparatus failed to work.

He feared sabotage, Reynolds testified, and told of his fears to the lines's port captain at the canal.

Decrease In Marriage Business

A check-up of the marriage license business at Elkton, under the the first month of the new 48-hour law, shows a falling off of more than one half, as compared to the number of licenses issued under the old law.

In the first thirty days after the 48-hour law became operative 277 couples were married in Elkton, with 30 other applications on file.

In the 30 days before the law became effective, 670 couples rushed to the preacher—or were rushed by Elkton's busy wedding solicitors and taxicab combine.

To Establish Fish Hatchery

The State Conservation Commission is preparing to establish a fish hatchery on the southern end of Garret Island, in the Susquehanna river opposite Havre de Grace, A portion of the Island has been leased from the B. & O. railroad company.

The new plant will be used first for the hatching of shad and if enough spawn is taken in the waters of the upper Chesapeake bay the plant will be enlarged to a capacity similar to the old hatchery at the Battery, north of Spesutia Island, abandoned several years ago.

Elkton Chamber Of Commerce Staff

The Elkton Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Howard Hotel, elected W. Henry Pippin, president, P. C. Williams, secretary and Robert J. McCauley, treasurer.

These officers with F. Dupont Thomson, John H. Minster, Dr. James W. Hughes, Franklin A. Alexander, A. Tolson Lyons, and Argus F. Robinson are directors.

The chamber went on record to hold its annual dollar day sale also an industrial show in the early spring.

Will Teach In Tome School

Miss Carrie Schreiber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Schreiber, of Chestertown, has accepted a position as instructor in French, English and History in the Tome High School, Port Deposit. Miss Schreiber was graduated from Washington college last June and entered Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, in September for a special course.

Town Meeting

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company called a town meeting in Havre de Grace for Wednesday evening of this week, to discuss transportation problems with the residents of both Cecil and Harford Counties. The Railway Express Company also had a representative at the meeting.

J. Benjamin Decker and F. A. Alexander, of Elkton, were elected directors of the Wellwood Country and Yacht Club, Charlestown, at a meeting of the directorate held in Philadelphia.

Personal And Social

The Contract Bridge Club was entertained at bridge luncheon on Tuesday afternoon last, by Mrs. Harrison Fehr.

Mrs. Robert Cameron entertained the Young Ladies Bridge Club, Tuesday evening, at her home of East Main street.

Mrs. Louisa Brokaw and Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor were hostesses of the W. C. T. U., Thursday afternoon last at the home of Mrs. Brokaw.

Mrs. Carroll Cameron and Miss Louise Worthington entertained West Nottingham Missionary Society, at the home of the former, on Thursday afternoon.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Beatrice Michael, of Aberdeen, to Mr. S. Stacey Smith, of Ashville, N. C. Miss Michael is a graduate of Tome School, and Hood College.

Ralph C. Gifford, formerly of Zion, Cecil county, has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank. Mr. Gifford is president of the First National Bank of Louisville, Ky.

The many friends of Dr. Venable will be glad to learn that he has so far recovered from his recent serious accident as to be able to resume his duties, and will occupy his pulpit at West Nottingham Presbyterian church on Sunday morning next. Dr. Venable suffered a fall about one month ago, whereby he sustained a fractured arm and other injuries.

Metcalf--Achenbach

The marriage of Miss Hellen Achenbach, of Rockbridge, Illinois, to Lieut. Ralph Metcalf, of Hollywood, California, took place Saturday afternoon Jan. 7, at 5:30 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keen, Perry Point, with the Rev. Irving Insley, rector of St. Mary's Church officiating.

The bride wore a gown of black with a gold embroidered jacket and her flowers were a corsage of bride's roses. Her maid of honor was her sister, Miss Dorothy Achenbach, of Rockbridge.

The groom had as his best man his room mate while at the U. S. Naval Academy, Mr. David Knight, Jr.

Lieut. and Mrs. Metcalf left by motor for New London where Lieut. Metcalf is attached to the submarine base.

Cooney--Monger

Miss Louise Monger, of Washington, D. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Monger of near town, and E. Joseph Cooney, of Indiana, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cooney of Rising Sun, were united in marriage Monday morning, 10:00 o'clock, at the Presbyterian Manse, Alexandria, Va., by the Rev. Mr. McElmain, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

Bank Official Resigns

Mr. Joseph Coudon, of Perryville, president of the Perryville National Bank and the citizens National Bank of Havre de Grace, and for thirty-seven years active in financial affairs, has tendered his resignition and will retire to private life.

Mr. Coudon some weeks ago met with a fall from his horse on his farm near Perryville, suffering a a fracture of the hip. Despite his advanced age of eighty years, Mr. Coudon has enjoyed vigorous health and has recovered sufficiently to be about again.

Fire At Jefferson School

Jefferson public school, near Cathers Corner, was damaged by fire on Sunday evening. A passing motorist noticed fire in the roof of the building, about the chimney, and drove to the home of George McCullough, who telephoned the Rising Sun firemen about eight o'clock. The firemen responded, with chemical truck, and were at the scene in time to extinguish the blaze before a great deal of damage was done.

The school is a one story brick building, the chimney being supported by a frame work, and extending only from the ceiling, through the roof.

A fresh fire had been kindled in the stove and the supporting framework of the chimney had caught on fire. The weakened frame-work gave way, allowing the chimney to fall to floor of the building, the timely arrival of the firemen saving the structure.

Members of the Knights of Columbis of Cecil and Harford Counties held an open meeting Thursday evening at the Elks Home in Havre de Grace. John A. Flanagan, state deputy; J. Eugene Kennedy, district deputy, and the Rev. Harry A. Quinn, state chaplin, addressed the gathering.

Farm Bureau Favors Income Levy

Delegates Indorse Flat Income Tax On Individuals

Delegates to the twenty-third annual meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau Saturday, in Baltimore, indorsed a flat income tax of two and a half per cent on individuals and one and a half per cent on corporations.

The delegates recommended also that a referendum on the graduated income tax be provided for at next year's election.

The session also voted opposition to the Patman anti-chain-store bill, an increase in the tax on beer to $1 a barrel, and the elimination of the present tax on intangibles with the substitution of a five per cent tax on income from intangibles.

The 34 resolutions adopted during the morning session ranged from public safety to reciprocal tariff agreements. It was recommended that jail sentences be imposed on those convicted of driving while under the influence of liquor, and that the magistrates' courts be reorganized "to the end that our traffic laws would be more efficiently administered."

The state was urged to appropriate $200,000 for the eradication of Bang's disease and $60,000 for the control of the Japanese beetle.

P. C. Turner, former vice-president, was advanced to the presidency, and C. C. Phillips, became vice-president, C. E. Wise, Jr., was elected secretary-treasurer.

The delegates to the bureau meeting also urged the passage of a state grading law during the present session of the Legislature in order to raise the producers' prices for fresh fruits and vegetables.

They resolved "a state law to permit the voluntary establishment of grades and standards would prevent the dumping of low-grade produce and do much to improve the situation."

They also adopted a resolution condemning the "diversion of motor revenue to other than road use." and urged the increased use of convict labor for the construction and maintenance of farm-to-market roads.

Fremont Grange Installs Officers

Fremont Grange met in regular session Tuesday evening Jan 10. The following officers were installed: Master, Asa Walton; overseer, Lewis Brown; lecturer, Mrs. Abbie Shaffer; steward, Laverne Pownall; assistant steward, Robert Thorpe; chaplain, William Shaffer; treasurer, Roy Phillips; secretary, Mrs. Edna Brown; gatekeeper, Horace Walton; Ceres, Anna Walton; Flora, Florence Pownall; Pomona, Cecile Wells; lady assistant steward, Sadie Thorpe. Refreshments were served by Asa Walton and sisters.

Fulton Detective Association Meets

Fulton Detective Association held its 45th annual meeting Saturday the 7th, at Wakefield, Pa. The Association did not have a loss the past year. It is in a healthy financial condition, has 80 members and $845 in treasury. There is no change in the list of officers and directors. They are: Edgar Kirk, president; Edgar T. King, vice-president; John T. Neary, secretary; Charles L. Ambler, treasurer; directors, William R. Cauffman, Merton E. Haines, W. F. Tollinger, James H. Deaver, Walter Wood and J. Howard Miller; auditors, William J. Kirk, Lindley King and Luther Drennen.

Sports Event For Paralysis Fund

Tome School, Port Deposit, has arranged a sports program, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The events will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, when the Tome varsity basketball and wrestling teams will meet the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and the junior varsity basketball team will play a local team.

Commissioners Fill Local Offices

The Commissioners of Cecil County have made the following appointments: Assessors: Cecilton district, H. B. Manlove; Chesapeake district, J. Groome Steele.

County constables: Cecilton, Geo. Humphreys; Elkton, Joseph B. Scarborough and Victor S. Taylor; Elk Mills, John Petterson.

Trustees of the Poor and Insane: Howard G. Barnes, Port Deposit, and George E. L. Hess, Fair Hill.