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## Magistrate Bill Before General Assembly

### Would Cut The Total Number Of Minor Courts From 250 To 52

The commission on inferior courts has placed its findings in the hands of Governor O'Conor, and the measure was expected to reach the Maryland General Assembley this week. It would reduce the number of Magistrates from 250 to 52.

The commission was named to effect a plan to abolish the fee system of compensating county magistrates. The bill will place the magistrates on salary based on the amount of business they have done in the past.

The total cost of compensating the magistrates would amount to $86,-200. Salaries would range from $900 to $3,600.

The number of magistrates asigned to the several counties and the sums allotted to the counties are as follows:

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| Baltimore county, eleven | $18,600 |
| Alleghany, one | 12,600 |
| Anne Arundel, two | 5,500 |
| Calvert, one | 900 |
| Caroline, one | 1,200 |
| Carroll, one | 2,700 |
| Cecil, one | 1,800 |
| Charles, one | 900 |
| Dorchester, one | 1,200 |
| Frederick, four | 6,600 |
| Garrett, one | 900 |
| Harford, two | 3,600 |
| Howard, two | 2,400 |
| Kent, one | 1,200 |
| Montgomery, two | 4,800 |
| Prince George's, two | 4,800 |
| Queen Anne's, one | 1,200 |
| St. Mary's, one | 900 |
| Somerset, one | 1,300 |
| Tabot, one | 2,100 |
| Washington, four | 6,600 |
| Wicomico, one | 2,400 |
| Worcester, one | 1,500 |

In some cases it is planned for the magistrates to move over circuits, sitting at one place in the county at one time of the day and at another place at other hours.

It will be required for the magistrates to hold court at definite hours, though there will be no rule that they give their full time to their duties. Efforts are being made to reduce or eliminate night sessions.

The salaries of the magistrates will be paid by the counties, but in return the county will receive $2 for each traffic case tried.

Last year 27,000 cases of motor-vehicle violations were heard in the county courts.

The bill provides for the appointment of one constable at large for each trial magistrate, at an annual salary of $600. On the basis of fifty-two magistrates and fifty-two salaried constables, the constables' salaries would total $31,200.

The counties must also furnish a courtroom in each town where any magistrate sits. The costs of dockets, equipment and traveling expenses, set at 5 cents a mile, would also be paid by the counties.

One substitute magistrate would be appointed for each county. These magistrates would receive $100 a year plus pay for the days they actually work. Provision is made for the appointment of clerks at the expense of the counties.

## Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair

At the February meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Association held in Annapolis, Thursday night, February 2nd, the directors present approved the recommendation of the Annapolis Committee and set the date for the 4th annual Fishing Fair Grand Contest to be held at Annapolis on August 26th and 27th. Other ports which have entertained what has come to be known as the world's largest anglers' convention are Tilghmans, Solomons and Rock Hall.

At the meeting, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor was made an honorary Vice-President as was Comptroller of Maryland J. Millard Tawes. B. Frank Sherman, of Claiborne, is honorary President and Louis N. Phipps, Annapolis, President for 1939. Max Chambers, Preston, is Secretary of the organization which has a membership of nearly 700 guides, dealers, hotel and spportsmen and yachtmen on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay.

## Cows Burned In Stable Fire

Fire broke out in the cow stable on the Edgar Peters farm, near Elim, Pa., one afternoon last week. There were 18 head of livestock in the stable at the time. The animals were all gotton out, but three of the cows were burned, one of them so badly that it had to be killed. The origin of the fire is not known.

## Briefly Noted News

The Ladies Auxliary of Cecilton Fire Company realized $94.50 by their recent card party.

In the campaign to fight infantile paralysis, $452.54 was collected in Cecil County. The Birthday Ball at Elkton netted $242,05.

The Treasurs of West Nottingham Missionary Society will hold a covered dish supper Wednesday evening, Feb. 22nd, in the Chapel, at six o'clock. Twenty-five cents and a covered dish.

Irvin T. Kepler, formerly an executive Vice-President of The Elkton Banking and Trust Company, Elkton, has been appointed an executive vice-president of the Hatboro, Pa., National Bank.

Miss Miriam Karl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Karl, of Elkton Hieghts, a senior at Maryland College, Lutherville, Md., has received an appointment for internship as a dietitian at the University of Maryland Hospital, and will enter after graduation in June.

Charles Astle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Astle, Rising Sun, was elected into membership of Alpha Zeta, national honorary Agriculture fraternity, University of Md.

Astle is active in extracurricula activities on the campus being a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, social fraternity, the Livestock Club, the Future Farmers of America, and the Student Grange.

He is a senior in the College of Agriculture.

## Charge On Checking Accounts

The National Bank of Rising Sun, with other members of the Bankers Association, has notified depositors by letter that after March 1, 1939, a charge of four cents per check will be made, providing the bank balance is not maintained at a certain sum. This practice has been in vogue with city banks for some time, but the announcement that it will be adopted by the National Bank here has brought forth a storm of protest from small depositors, judging from the remarks we have heard.

That the policy does not meet with favor, even with some of the banks, is evidenced by action of the Elkton Banking & Trust Company, which has withdrawn from Association membership, so we are informed, on account of the ruling, and will not levy any tax on depositors' checks.

## Cecil Anglers Choose New Officers

Members of the Cecil County Anglers Club at a meeting held at the Ritz Hotel, Elkton, elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Theodore H. Brown, Rising Sun; vice-president, Frank Harris, Perryville; secretary, Clifford Pyle, Elkton; treasurer, Charles Jeffers, Elkton. Directors, Dr. James F. Magraw, Perryville; John Shaffer, Chesapeake City; Oliver Lambert, Port Deposit; Horace Lilley, Elkton; Sherman Marcus, Elkton.

The meeting was addressed by John Steele, chairman Educational Committee, Md. Outdoor Life Federation, who gave an interesting talk on plans of the seven man Conservation Commission, a bill for the establishment of which is now before the State Legislature.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, in Elkton, at which time other sportsmen of Cecil county will meet with the club, in an effort to form a sportsmen's association. Public welcome.

## Drunk When Married In Elkton

James E. Wynne has been granted an absolute divore by Judge Rowland K. Adams, in Circuit Court, No. 2, Baltimore, from Mrs. Ruby Stanley Wynne.

In testimony given before an examiner, Wynne said he was married the night of November 30 last, but he was drunk and remembered nothing about the trip to Elkton or the ceremony.

The bill for absolute divorce was signed on Wednesday and the bride was ordered to drop the name Wynne.

## Fire Sweeps Grass Field

Sparks from a burning trash pile near the milk plan here, Monday afternoon caught the nearby grass field on the farm of Leslie Rawlings, and the high wind blowing swept the flames far and wide almost in an instant. The fire siren summoned a crowd of men to the scene, and the fire was beaten out, but not before it had burned over a large section of the field.

## Jurors For The March Term Of Court

Associate Judge J. Owen Knotts of the Second Judicial Circuit, while in Elkton last week, drew the jury for the March term of court for Cecil County. The jurors by district are:

First—Elwood H. Burris, Clifford B. Hoover, Daniel H. Husfelt, Orange B. Burrell, Julian P. Robinson, and David P. Davis.

Second—Fletcher W. Nickerson, Charles B. Buckworth, Urie Connor, Reed H. Kirk, Harry Fillingame and Harry B. Kibler.

Third—William T. Collins, Warren Boulden, Fred C. Breitenback, Joseph B. Bryson, Charles P. Bartley, Lynn B. Gillespie, and Joseph W. Clay.

Fourth—Reuben Reynolds, Walter E. Brown, Edwin H. Gallagher, Charles K. Lynch and Russell F. Ewing.

Fifth—Raymond M. Larzalere, Allen Carlton, George F. Cooper, Marion E. Rose, Walter Arrants, Frederick D. Johnson, Negro.

Sixth—Rufus G. Jackson, John W. Liddenn, C. Leslie Rawlings, Claude C. Buck, and Clarence T. Dare.

Seventh—J. Howard Greist, Allen M. Valleman, Jr., Stacy B. Farmer, Stanley Craig, William Cross, Ormond R. Burroughs. Thomas R. McLhinney.

Eighth—W. Albert Caldwell, Henry R. Burkins, George P. Connolly.

Ninth—J. Bradford Williams, P. Jenks Smith, Malcolm Ford.

## Fire Company Officials

Stockholders and members of two Cecil County fire companies—Singerly of Elkton and the North East unit—elected officers and received reports of activities during the year at annual meetings last week.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Singerly company at the fire hall, Clarence Denney, fire recorder, reported that during the year the company answered 33 calls in Elkton with a property loss of $75, and 44 calls outside of the town with property loss of $4,515.

The following directors were elected: H. Wirt Bouchell, Warren W. Boulden, Sherman Marcus, John J. Denver, Richard Masemore, Charles Rambo, Sr., William P. Titter, Lewis Peterson, and Calvin Fox.

G. Phineas Craig was elected president of the North East company at its meeting. Other officers elected are: Vice-president, W. C. Harvey; secretary, Edwin B. Fockler; fiinancial secretary, R. Carter Simpers; treasurer, George L. Wingate; chief, Rudolph T. Meekins; directors, Marion E. Rose, John J. Norman, William J. Logan, Robert C. Rhudy, Frank Conoway, Charles E. Rothermel, and Walter I. Smith.

## Girl Scouts Organized

Sponsored by the P. T. A. of Rising Sun a flourishing troop of Girl Scouts has been organized here with Mrs. Ralph Reed as Scoutmaster and Mrs. Everett Johnson assistant. A large number of girls have indicated their interest and the membership enrollment increases each week.

## Community Prayer Band

The Community Prayee Band met at the home of Mr. George Crawford, Calvert, last Friday, and although the roads were in poor travel condition and weather disagreeable the gathering was large. This week the meeting will be at the home of W. T. Whited, Calvert. Bro. Luck, who has been ill the past two weeks, is improving slowly but is still confined to bed. We ask an interest in your prayers for his recovery.

## Cow Completes Record

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class, has just been completed by a three and one-half year old cow Elk Manor Louise 456153 of North East, Md., tested and owned by Wilmer Stradley. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 10143.0 pounds of milk and 599.4 pounds of butter fat in class D.

## Firemen Honored

The honor awards given by the North East Fire Company to outstanding members for services rendered for the past 12 months were given to the Conway family when a father and his two sons led the list in responding to fire alarms. Out of the 60 alarms sent in, Frank Conway, Sr., responded to 58, his oldest son, Austin, 54, and Frank, Jr., 48.

## Plan Japanese Beetle Control In County

Dr. George S. Langford, Specialist in Insect Control, University of Maryland, met with the County Land-Use Planning committee on Monday afternoon, February 6, for the purpose of outlining and discussing Japanese Beetle Control plans in Cecil County for 1939. Dr. Langford outlined a plan for using about 25,000 Japanese beetle traps in Cecil County this year. Dr. Langford explained that through Federal, State, County and local operation the trapping program should help to grately reduce damage caused by the beetles. Dr. Langford exhibited the new trap which has been worked out so that it has no soldered joints and can be purchased in wholesale lots at less than one half the cost of traps which have been used heretofore.

Dr. Langford stated that in 1938, five hundred and thirty-three barrels of beetles were caught in the trapping area just north of Elkton. He also stated that two hundred and thirteen colonies of Japanese Beetle parasites were released. Anyone wishing further information regarding securing traps in 1939 should contact the county agents' office.

## Holdup Men Sentenced

Judge Schaeffer, at Lancaster, Pa., sentenced the three men who attempted to hold up Richard L. Henry, proprietor of Chestnut Level Store, on January 6, to 3 to 10 years in the Eastern Penitentiary. They also were fined $100 each and ordered to pay the costs.

The men were Earl E. Miller, 22, of Nottingham, R. D., who was shot twice in the leg by Henry; Donald Sharpe, 18, Oxford, R. D. 1, and Lee Phillips, 26, of Peach Bottom.

Trooper Thomas Lowson said detainers have been filed against Miller and Sharpe charging them with holding up the gas station of James L. Moroney, West Grove, on the night of January 5.

Trooper Radcliffe, the prosecutor, testified that the three men left Oxford at 8 p. m., on January 6 to hold up and rob Henry's store at Chestnut Level.

However, they tackled the wrong man. Miller was captured that night after he had attempted to shoot Mr. Henry, and the others were arrested later.

## Elected To Congress

Lansdale G. Sasscer, of Upper Marlboro, former Democratic President of the State Senate, was the victor over his Republician opponent, A. Kingsley Love, of Leonardtown, in a special election held on February 3 to fill the vacant Fifth district Congressional seat. His majority was approximately 4 to 1.

Neither of the candidates made a strenuous campaign. Mr. Sasscer based his candidacy only on a pronouncement that he would continue, as in the past, to be interested in the welfare of the district. Mr. Love made several statements emphasizing his opposition to the New Deal and claiming he stood for the policies of Senator Tydings.

The Fifth district seat was made vacant by the sudden death of Representative Stephen W. Gambrill, who defeated Mr. Love in the election last November.

## Endorsed For Judge

James F. Evans, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, has been endorsed by five of the six members of the board for the appointment of Associate Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Evans' name will be sent to Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, who makes the appointment.

The additional Judge in the Circuit, who must be a resident of Cecil county, was voted for at the last election.

The new Judge will serve until the next General election, when a Judge will be elected for a 15-year term.

## Frances Willard Birthday

The members of the W. C. T. U. will observe on Friday, Feb. 17, with memorial services, in honor of the founder of the organization, Francis E. Willard.

The Churches of the country will participate on Sunday, February 19th by suitable references to her great work for humanity.

Miss Bertha Balderston, President of the Cecil County Women's Christian Temperance Union, also made the announcement that this will be the time for contributions to complete Cecil's quota of the Centinary Education fund.

## Personal And Social

Mrs. Ida Heacock, of New Jersey, has been visiting Mrs. John L. Tosh.

Mrs. Harrison R. Fehr has been spending some time with relatives in Allentown, Pa.,

Mrs. Harry Hovermill entertained the members of the Sunday School Board on Tuesday evening.

Miss Louise Worthington has returned from a visit of two weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Workman, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Donald Shingler and Clement Reifsnyder, of State Teachers College, Millersville, Pa., spent Sunday with the former's brother, Ray Shingler.

Miss Adeleen Wilson, Hood College, Frederick, Md., and Miss Ruth Biles, Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa., were week-end visitors with home folks,

Mrs. Raymond Yocum, of Childs, this county, announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Garrett Dunbar, to Mr. B. S. Crouch, superintendent of the Cecil County Alms House, on February 4, at Chestertown, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Reynolds have announced te marriage of their daughter, Edna Lydia, to Mr. C. Wise Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Downing, of Arlington, Va., recently residents of Elkton. Mr. and Mrs. Downing will reside in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Downing is employed by the War Department.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rowland, of near Port Deposit, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, February 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland were married in what was then St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church in Baltimore in 1889 and moved into the residence in which they are now living. The homestead was built in 1789.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ivon Cornbrooks, of 151 Fern Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Cornbrooks, to Mr. H. Russell Young, of Penn Valley, Merion, Pennsylvania, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beaverson Young of Philadelphia.

Miss Cornbrooks is a graduate of Goucher College and Mr. Young of Drexel Institute. The wedding will take place in June.

Miss Cornbrooks' mother was formerly Miss Margaret Vanneman of Port Deposit.

Mrs. Juniata Graham, at her home on South Queen street, entertained at a birthday dinner, given in honor of the birthdays of Alvin B. Nickle and sister, Miss May. The color scheme carried out was yellow. Those who enjoyed the occasion besides the hostess were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nilckle, Miss May Nickle, and Mrs. Floyd Barkaloo and and son Billy, Mrs. India White.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Reynolds, former residents of Havre de Grace, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week at their home in New York City.

The bride was formerly Miss Elizabeth Carver, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carver, of Havre de Grace.

She taught for several years in the Havre de Grace elementary school. Mr. Reynolds is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Reynolds and was born in Port Deposit. He was associated with his brother in the manufacturing of cans in Havre de Grace, the factory having been destroyed by fire in 1902.

## Mackie--Pratt

The marriage of Mrs. Florence Wilkinson Mackie and Mr. Frank B. Pratt, both of Kemblesville, Pa., was solemnized at the parsonage of the M. E. Church at West Grove, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 1 by the Rev. Norman L. Davison.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt are on a motor trip to Florida, where they will remain for the winter. They will live at Kemblesville.

## White--Brown

Miss Eleanora Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Brown, Oxford, Pa., and Edward W. White, Perryville, were quietly married Saturday evening, February 4.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. Custer Cromwell of Havre de Grace Methodist church.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, Perryville; they will make their home in Perryville.

The committee for the celebration of the President's birthday raised $1,480,000 for the fight against infantile paralysis in 1938 and incurred $49,000 expenses, leaving a net of $1,021,000.

California led in contributions with $116,588 gross and $105,280 net.

## Ninth District Farm Club Members

### Entertained At The Home Of Mr. And Mrs. David B. McDowell

The Ninth District Farmers' Club was entertained on February 1st by Mr. and Mrs. David B. McDowell. Roll call was answered by reading valentines, which were taken from a valentine basket, causing much merriment. D. B. McDowell gave a report of the annual Farm Bureau meeting held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Jan. 11, 12 and 13, and told of the fine exhibits of apples shown by the Cecil County exhibitors. Mrs. Atlee Armour reported on the annual meeting also, and of the Associated Women of America of which she was appointed chairman of group four, including Baltimore, Harford and Cecil counties. T. K. McDowell and Howard Brown reported on the Pennsylvania Farm Show, and Miss Helen Irene Smith, Home Demonstration Agent, told of her activities.

Then there was a recess for dinner and social hour. Rev. Peter De Duiter, paster of Bethany Presbyterian Church of Nottingham, asked the Lord's blessing.

The afternoon meeting opened with the report of the inspection committee composed of T. Harold Brown and Atlee Armour. The host introduced the speaker of the day, Dr. Thomas B. Symons, director of Maryland Extension Service and Assistant Dean of Agriculture. He gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Parity in Agriculture.

Mrs. Ralph England played a group of beautiful piano numbers after which Mr. Charles F. Miller, in charge of the program committee, gave an account of the outstanding events for each day of February, and a question bee, which was much enjoyed.

After a delightful day, the club adjourned to meet March 1st, with Mr. and Mrs. T. K. McDowell.

## Bridge Toll Bill

The Chamber of Commerce of Havre de Grace will sponsor a bill at the present session of the Maryland General Assembly which will direct the State Roads Commission to maintain and operate the present toll-free bridge across the Susquehanna river, after the completion of the new toll bridge, and which will impose a toll of 5c per vehicle to cross the old bridge, with appropriate commutation rates, after July 1, 1940. Delegate Leo M. Moore has agreed to introduce the bill for the local organization and to fight for its passage in the Legislature.

This action was decided upon by the Chamber of Commerce, after a conference between President Lawrence W. Hecht and a well-known Maryland engineer, whose services have been engaged, had disclosed that the 5c toll would produce sufficient revenue to maintain and operate the bridge in the future and should break down all opposition to the retention of the bridge at its present site.

## Cottontails Released

Approximately 6,000 cottontail rabbits, which several weeks ago were frisking about farms and woodlots in Kansas and Missouri fields are now running wild in Maryland fields and woods.

They were liberated last week by game wardens and game associations after having been purchased by the State Game Department in an effort to replenish the supply here.

The number released this year is about half what it was last year when about 12,000 were purchased for State-wide distribution. The year before only 1,700 were released because the cold and heavy snow during te winter of 1935-1936 prevented extensive propogation work.

In Cecil County 288 of the rabbits were released.

## Milk Producers Dine

Two hundred farmers of the Providence and Bay View units of the Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative held their second annual joint banquet Thursday night at the Community House at Zion with State's Attorney Edward D. E. Rollins as toastmaster.

O. H. Hoffman, general sales manager and Ralph Bowers, director of the cooperative, County Agent J. Z. Miller, Prof. George Gifford, principal of the County Agricultural High School, and the Rev. J. W. Prettyman, were the speakers.

Charles A. Jackson was chairman for the Providence unit and J. Lawson Crothers for the Bay View unit, as a committee in charge.