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Cecil County School Board

Delegations Before Body---Ralph Crothers Appointed WPA Inspector

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14th. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Dr. T. B. Moore, Vice-President, and Mrs. Wallace Williams.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 11th were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

A delegation from the Aikin Homemakers' Club, Mrs. O. M. Harkins, spokesman, came before the Board with request that they be allowed to use the auditorium of the Perryville High School for their monthly meetings. The Board assured the delegation that this permission would be granted and advised them to get in touch with the principal as to the exact day and time of their meeting.

A letter was received from Messrs. Malone & Williams, Architects, in which was enclosed a blue-print of several changes which were contemplated in the Home Economics room of the Perryville High School These changes were proposed so that the room would be arranged in a more practical manner and would correspond more closely to State requirements. This change was approved by the board.

A letter was received from Mr. W. E. Fogg, President of the Elk Neck Civic Association, requesting permission to hold the regular monthly meetings of the Association in Hart's school. This permission was granted by the Board.

Mr. Wade Goodman of the Eighth District, came before the Board with the request that some consideration be given the building of a consolidated elementary school in that district.

A letter was received from Miss Mary A. MacDonald, Secretary of the Susquehanna Planning Group of the Farm Bureau, asking that the Board consider the teaching of Vocational Agriculture in the Cecil County High Schools. This matter was discussed at some length by the Board and it was decided to consider the installation of such a course next school year, if possible.

The Superintendent explained to the Board that there were two lots adjoining the Perryville High School property which lots were very near the right of way of the new dual highway between the Delaware line and Havre de Grace and that in his opinion it would be a very good idea for the Board to purchase these lots as a matter of protection against filling stations, Restaurants, etc. The purchase of these lots would also make a regular plot of the now irregular plot surrounding the Perryville High School. After some discussion, the Board decided to purchase these lots.

The Board was informed by the Superintendent that a deed had been received for the two and one-half acres of land purchased from the Brady Estate for the purpose of enlarging the school ground at Chesapeake City.

Dr. Moore informed the Board the Rising Sun High School Alumni Association had asked him about the possibility of installing lights in the high school. During the ensuing discussion it was brought out that when the schools at Perryville, Rising Sun, and North East were built no lighting fixtures were installed and that the Alumni Associations and Parent-Teacher Associations had been installing lights from time to time. The Board decided to complete the installation of lights in these schools as rapidly as the money is available.

The Superintendent brought to the attention of the Board several bills pertaining to Education which have recently been introduced at this session of the Legislature.

Mr. Ralph R. Crothers, Inspector on the W. P. A. projects at the new Elkton High School and Port Deposit Colored School, which projects are nearing completion, was assigned the inspection duties on the new Chesapeake City School.

Watch That Fire!

C. F. Winslow, forestry specialist for the University of Maryland "dusts off" his annual spring warning to farmers on brush burning and the danger of forest fires this week.

If a field must be burned—and Mr. Winslow believes no land owner should start fires during spring months—it should be done when it is calm or when the wind is very light and with 10 or 15 foot strips plowed up around the area fired. Fire fighting utensils, too, should be kept at hand.

Briefly Noted News

Springlike weather prevailed the forepart of the week, the mercury going as high as seventy degrees on Monday afternoon.

A clinic will be conducted by the Md. Tuberculosis Asso., on March 8, at the Health Department office, Elkton, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

"Chick's Place", near Porters Bridge, was raided last week and the operator held for March term of Court, for having untaxed liquor on the premises.

W. J. Wilson, who has been housed with the grip for several weeks, has recovered and has opened his fish market at Port Deposit for the forty-fourth season.

Charles Groves, who operates Granite Lodge, near Port Deposit, was arrested last week by Sheriff Randolph, charged with having untaxed liquor in his possession.

Governor O'Conor's "Green Bag" is expected to go to the Legislature this week. It contains county and city appointments and consequently is being awaited with interest.

Officials of the Jacob Tome Institute, Town School, are planning the 50th anniversary of the founding of the institution with all day exercises on Saturday, May 20.

Convicted of stealing seven hams from the meat house on the farm of Roland Ford, near Cecilton, Richard Sewell, colored, was sentenced to 18 months in the House of Correction.

A Ford car, reported as stolen from Richard Wysong, of Bel Air, was found abandoned at Chesapeake City, considerably damaged for having made the trip without adequate oil and water.

William Roads, of near Elkton, has been sentenced to the House of Correction for a term of eighteen months, by magistrate Miller of Elkton, for stealing a pig from J. W. Woodrow, of Leeds.

Fire caused by an overheated brooder stove destroyed a brooder house and 125 six-week-old chicks on the property of Mrs. Elsie Logan, at London Grove, Pa., Friday night. The loss is estimated at $150.

The courts of Carson City, Nevada, have granted to John N. Lukens an absolute divorce from his wife Edna Passmore Lukens. Mr. Lukens formerly lived in East Nottingham, and Mrs. Lukens formerly lived in Oxford, Pa.

Miss Dorcas June Thomas, of Elkton, has secured a position in a dental laboratory in New York city. Miss Thomas attended the Dental department of Temple University, Philadelphia, and Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

Miss Elizabeth Crowg ey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Crowgey, of Elkton Farms has accepted a position on the faculty of the Baltimore College of Commerce. Miss Crowgey was an honor student at Temple University, graduating last June.

Calvin Reynolds, of this town, showed us an old deed this week, executed September 13, 1768, by John Morton, Esq., High Sheriff of Chester county, to John Reynolds, covering certain goods and chattles, lands and tenants of William Reynolds, of Chester county.

The old deed is written in excellent script, on thick sheepskin parchment, and is in almost perfect state of preservation.

Counties To Get Additional Gas Tax

Thanks to the ban on gas-tax diversions, the counties of Maryland will receive during the 1940-41 budget period more than $2,000,000 as their share of the revenue of the one and one-half cent gasoline tax per gallon, than they did for the preceding biennium.

Baltimore city will receive from this source about $1,400,000 more than it received for the current budget period, which will end September 30, 1939.

Chief Auditor William A. Codd figured that combined receipts of the twenty-three counties and the city from cent-and-a-half gas tax for the budget year of 1940 will be $3,993,097.92 and for the budget year of 1941 the sum will be $4,133,288.17.

These figures compare with $2,385,516.41 for 1938 and with $2,604,486.87 estimated for 1939.

The counties' share for 1940 will be $2,795,168.54 and for 1941 it will be $2,893,301.72.

The gas-tax revenue received by the counties comes from the cent-and-a-half tax exclusively. Baltimore city shares not only in this impost but in the two cents a gallon and in the one-half cent a gallon gas taxes.

Holdup Gang Lands Behind Bars

Three Youths Rob And Kidnap Rising Sun Resident

Three youths from the Oakwood section of Cecil County are behind the bars, facing charges that may lead to long terms in prison, following their holding up at pistol point, robbing and kidnapping Ernest Flabbi in this town Saturday night.

The youths arrested by Officers Koste and Adolphus Burke, of the Maryland State Police, are Olin Madron, 15; Raymond Dalton 23, and Walter Ragan, 16.

They were given a hearing before Magistrate George L. Ewing late Saturday night, following their arrest, and lodged in jail for court action. The three youths, who all have unenviable reputations and have been under surveillance for some time, entered the shoe shop of Ernest Flabbi, on Pearl street, between eight and nine o'clock Saturday night, their faces covered with handkerchiefs, and at the point of a revolver forced Flabbi to give them what money he had, about eight dollars. They then compelled him to get into their waiting auto, and with the one at the wheel driving with one hand and covering the captive with the revolver in the other hand, drove out Walnut lane, then returned, going out the road toward Keppel's Mill.

Flabbi was ordered to get out of the car near the mill, and then threatened if he told of the robbery. The trio then drove through town. Flabbi hastened to town, told of his experiences at the hands of the holdup trio, and the Sub-Station at Conowingo was notified.

Roads in this section were patrolled by several cars and the officers finally located and arrested the three suspects at Granite Lodge, a road house, near Port Deposit, about 11:30 o'clock that night. A portion of the money was recovered, and revolver found on the person of Dalton.

Reckless Motorist Injures Trainman

Joseph Murphy, of Upper Darby, Pa., conductor on the "milk train" on the Media Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, suffered a badly crushed leg on Wednesday afternoon last, at the station here.

The engine of the train was backing on the sidetrack to pick up a car of milk, the conductor standing on the platform on the rear of the locomotive, in order to make the coupling, In spite of the fact that the warning "blinker lights" were operating in plain view Fred Gray, of Bay View section, driving toward the grade crossing at the station, continued on his way and ran into the engine.

The conductor was knocked from the engine and suffered a badly fractured leg. He was taken to Union Hospital, Elkton, for treatment. The reckless motorist escaped injury and his car was only slightly damaged.

Fire Damages Perryville Dwelling

The double dwelling on Aiken avenue, in Perryville, occupied by the families of T. O. Ryan and H. D. Neff, was damaged by fire on Monday afternoon of last week.

The Perryville Fire Company's siren was out of order and their only means of sounding an alarm was by ringing church bells. Many of the Perryville firemen failed to hear the bells and did not respond to the alarm. When it seemed that the fire might get out of control because of the limited crew, an alarm was telephoned to Havre de Grace. Susquehanna Hose Company responded. Working jointly they soon had the blaze under complete control, with a minimum of damage, estimated at about $750.

Fatally Injured Starting Stalled Car

A friendly effort to help the owner of a stalled automobile brought death to Manly Smith, aged 40 years, when he was run over by his own truck.

Smith, who operates a truck-hauling business, was en route to Pleasant Hill with a load of coal when he saw the stalled motorist and stopped to give aid.

While standing on the bumper of his truck, which his helper was driving pushing the stalled car, Smith fell and the wheels of the truck passed over his body. He suffered a broken back and internal injuries and died several hours later in Union Hospital, Elkton.

The accident occurred Saturday about a mile north of Elkton.

Sheriff Shoots Negro On Highway

Officer Fires When Colored Man Resists Arrest

Sheriff David J. Randolph of Elkton early Saturday morning, fatally shot Charles W. Skeen, 25-year-old Negro of Washington.

The sheriff said he shot in self-defense as Skeen, in an automobile, pulled out a gun and fired at him twice.

Another man, also colored, of Washington, was arrested.

A white hitch-hiker notified Officer Johnson he had been riding with two Negroes, one of whom had a pistol, in a car they said they had stolen in Washington.

The car was damaged at Bacon Hill, where the men left it and proceeded on foot until their arrest, Sheriff Randolph said. A serch was under way for the hitch-hicker who went on his way, catching a ride in a truck.

The car, a sedan, bore District of Columbia license plates.

After the accident was reported the Sheriff overtook the two Negroes on Highway 40 and sought to arrest them.

The officers said the one man, armed with a .38 -caliber pistol, attempted to draw the weapon and Sheriff shot him in the leg. Falling the Negro drew his pistol. The officer fired again, wounding him fatally.

Fire Company Drive For Funds Successful

The drive for funds being made by the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun, Md., to help purchase a new fire truck to replace the old Reo chemical and pumper, has proven very successful, and the donations have passed the $1000 mark and are still coming in.

To date the total amount contributed is $1232.00, for which the Company wishes to thank all those who have donated and the ones who will contribute later.

It is very gratifying to the members to know that when the company needs financial support it will be supplied by the general public, which has proven to be the case by this drive.

Fire Insurance Company

The annual report of the Mutual Fire Insurance of Cecil County, submitted at the meeting in Elkton on February 14, showed the business of the organization is in good condition. The total assets having reached a total of $118,865.19, as follows: Cash in bank $62,989.51; first mortgage on real estate $33,822; United States bonds $19,997.78; agents balance receivable $3,029.02; accrued interest $559.78; other assets $804.61, gross assets $121,202.70; assets not admitted $2,337.51; leaving a total of $118,865.19.

Liabilities: Reserve for fire loses unadjustted $510; reserved for unearned premiums $19,941.08; surplus $98,414; total liabilities $118,865.10; insurance in force, gross $8,370,245; net $7,653,709.

The following were elected directors: Dr. H. Arthur Cantwell, North East; Joseph T. Tyson, Rising Sun; James F. Evans, Elkton, S. Wills Lusby, Cecilton; Harry H. Howard, Chesapeake City; William Sterling Evans, Elkton; Marion E. Rose, of North East; Pierre Le Brun, Port Deposit; and Dr. Winfred T. Morrison, Elkton.

The directors elected Dr. Cantwell, President; William Sterling Evans secretary-treasurer; Fred S. Poole, assistant secretary, and Miss Anne E. Mahan, clerk.

Senate Confirms Goldsborough Appointment

The Senate on Thursday confirmed, without a dissenting voice, the nomination of Representative Goldsborough, of Maryland, to be an associate justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Goldsborough has represented the First, or Eastern Shore, district of Maryland for eighteen years and started his tenth consecutive term as a member of the House on January 3. He said he probably would relinquish his seat and take the oath of his new office about April 1.

Cows Go To Porto Rico

Mr. Chas. Schafsona, San Juan, Porto Rico, purchased two fine Holstein cows through Woodrow & James, of this town, from the farm of S. M. Ward and C. D. Cullen. The cattle were loaded on board ship at the port of Baltimore on Tuesday.

Personal And Social

David Tosh, of Rahway, New Jersey, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tosh.

Claude C. Buck who has been housed for a month past with a knee injury, is able to be about on crutches.

The Komade Klub was entertained on Thursday evening last by Mrs. Norris J. Reynolds, at her home on Cherry street.

Miss Celia Jenkins has returned from Md. General Hospital, where she received treatment, greatly benefited in health.

J. Blaine McVey is in a serious condition at his home at Sylmar, as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered last week.

Rodney Henry is resting at his home here, after having been operated on for adenoids and knee trouble, in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Keen, of Perryville, and Mrs. Clara B. Keen spent Sunday with Arthur S. Irvin and family, Narberth, Pa.

Prof. Philip Lowman, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, was a visitor on Wednesday of William Reynolds, Graystone Manor, near town.

Miss Elizabeth Lamm, Port Deposit, has sailed from New York, for India, where she expects to remain with Miss Esther Shoemaker for a year.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Frye and son Gleason, of Richardson Park, Del., were visitors of Mrs. Clara B. Keen on Monday, and called on other friends in town.

Mr. Morris Dumbar, of Elkton, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Donald Lenhoff, of Newark. The wedding date has not been set.

Luther P. Shaffer, of Cumberland, and his son John Hart Shaffer, of the U. S. Cruiser Phoenix, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing at the Bungalow, last week.

The following ladies from Rising Sun attended the luncheon given by the Calvert W. C. T. U. ladies on Friday: Mrs. G. C. Logan, Mrs. Willian Graham, Mrs. Joseph Tyson, Miss E. R. Stephens, Mrs. Clara B. Keen, Mrs. Chas. Pyle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. William Godwin celebrated their golden wedding anniversity at their home in Aberdeen on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Mr. Godwin was formerly telegraph operator at Singerly station, on the B. & O. railroad, and was retired from the railroad after forty-eight years of service.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phleet Cooper on Monday evening Feb. 13, were Mrs. Asher Roberson and son Tommy; Mrs. Morton McCardell, Marian and Roger; Mary Harriett Roberson, Harry Buckley, Josephine Pogue, Miss Helen Reedder, Mrs. India White, A. Mabel Reynolds. The occasion was the birthday of their daughter, Virginia.

The marriage of Miss Evelyn Mary Benjamin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Benjamin of Port Deposit, and Mr. Herman Carroll Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Reynolds, of Sylmar, is announced to take place on Saturday, February 25.

The bride to be is employed at the National Bank of Rising Sun and the prospective groom at the Sinclair filling station, in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Nesbitt, of near town, entertained at a birthday dinner on Sunday in honor of their daughter, Elsie's 22nd birthday. Guests present were Mrs. Mary J. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stilwell and daughter Freda, and Miss Trena King, of Nottingham, Pa.; Miss Vera Devine, of Colora, Mr. George Denney, of Elkton, and Gerald and Vincient Pierce of Rising Sun.

Loses Arm In Accident

His left arm amputated as the result of a self-inflicted shotgun wound, Carleton Jones, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Urie Jones, is reported to be in a satisfactory condition at the Kent and Queen Anne's General Hospital. The accident occurred last Thursday morning. The family moved from near Cecilton to Chestertown.

Funds For State Roads

State Roads Commission has "upped" its long-range construction program by about $7,000,000.

As originally prepared, the program called for expenditures approximating $47,000,000. In its perfected form, the program contemplates spending about $54,000,000.

The program is to be submitted to Governor O'Conor and members of the General Assembly this week.

Old Susquehanna River Span To Go

Razing Of Structure Coupled With Provision For The New Bridge

While officials of Havre de Grace reached an agreement with the State Roads Commission which would allow continuance of work on the approaches for the new Susquehanna Bridge opponents in that town and Perryville of the plan to remove the old double-decked structure were seen fighting a losing battle.

Tentative contract for the new brdge, pending government approval, has been let to a Pennsylvania concern and with the way cleared for finishing the approaches, construction work on the span is expected to get under way this spring.

The roads commission, in executing a trust indenture and selling bridge revenue bonds to help finance the new bridge, definitely committed itself to close and remove the existing structure when the new toll bridge is completed in the summer of 1940.

It was doubted seriously whether it would be possible for the Legislature to pass a bill directing the Roads Commission to retain the bridge, since a legislative act of 1937 gave the roads group the right to execute such a trust indenture for the bridge program.

It was under the trust indenture that the commission committed itself to remove the span to avoid any competition with the new toll bridge. Although the Legislature has the power to repeal statutes, such action in this case would throw out the entire bridge program, it was pointed out.

Since the bridge revenue bonds already have been sold, any action of the Legislature to repeal the act of 1937, which is deemed unlikely, would have the effect of abrogating the trust indenture, or contract, between the Roads Commission and the bond holders.

Plan New Canal Bridge

Indications are a four-lane high-fixed bridge will be constructed over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal near St. Georges, Del., to replace that destroyed when struck by the freighter, Waukegan.

It is also expected work on plans for such a bridge will be started early next month.

Maj. C. Burlin, U. S. District Engineer, met in Dover with Gov. Richard C. McMullen, Charles W. Cullen, chairman of State Highway Commission, and W. W. Mack, chief engineer of the department.

Plans for the tunnel have been abandoned as too expensive.

The high bridge would be constructed in the vicinity of St. Georges, but no steps have been taken yet to select the site.

Major Burlin asked if Delaware would contribute any funds toward the construction of the new bridge.

The question will be taken up at the next meeting of the State Highway Commission, Major Burlin was informed.

Will Assist The Jews

As a result of the visit of the "Three Wise Men from the West," in other words the three Friends, Rufus M. Jones, George A. Walton and Robert Yarnell, way was open for some others to go into Germany to help solve the difficult problems which have arisen from the attitude of Hitler and his government toward the Jews. James C. Vail, of Phila., Arthur Perry and wife, from New England, and Robert W. Balderston and wife, now of Chicago but formerly of Kennett Square, and the Milk Producers Association, have gone over to assist in feeding the destitute Jews and other persecuted peoples and also to help arrange for the evcuation of some of these, probably by way of temporary camps in nearby countries. Robert W. Balderston spent some time in Germany after the World War, helping with the feeding of the German children and no doubt will meet some with whom he worked on his former visit.

Gift Of Pipe Organ

Judge Elvin H. Ulrich, New Jersey, has made Blue Ridge College, at New Windsor, Md., a gift of a fine Mason and Hamlin pipe organ. It is a Litz Model, having two manuals and pedals.

Judge Ulrich has been an active contributer to Blue Ridge College since its re-organization two years ago. Blue Ridge is extremely grateful for this fine gift and will be finding it a great improvement to the Chapel.

G. M. Riggin,
Plubicity Director.