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Merit System For Conservation Board

Both Bureaus To Be Placed Under Civil Service

Governor O'Conor states he never has contemplated the permanent operation of his proposed autonomous tidewater and upland game and fisheries commission outside the Merit System.

It is his purpose—and he can do it by executive order—to see that all of the minor personnel of the commission that would supervise the tidewater commerical fisheries be put into the Merit System as soon as the new conservation unit has become stabilized. Employes of the upland division would be placed under the Merit System by the O'Conor bill.

In fact, the Governor said, the State Law Department already has drafted, for submission to the Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries committees, an amendment that would give qualified employes of the present Conservation Commission in the tidewater division a preferred status on the Merit System rolls.

This will apply not only to present employes under the age of 55 years—a limit established in the O'Conor bill—but will include present employes above the age limit, provided they can pass the required mental and physical examinations.

Meanwhile, there were indications that the administration is prepared to drive ahead with its program regardless of the protest that has been raised about it by proponents of other systems of meeting the State's conservation needs.

Senator Philip H. D[illegible]m., St. Mary's), chairman of the Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee, said the O'Conor bill would set up the tidewater commission of "practical watermen" to supervise commercial fisheries.

He estimated that there would not be more than five votes against this bill in the Senate.

In the House, Delegate P. Elliott Burroughs (Dem., Wicomico), chairman of that body's Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee, predicted a 2½ to 1 victory for the O'Conor tidewater plan in the lower chamber.

The administration strategy, form all indications, appears to be laid along the lines that a test on the tidewater measure would insure passage of the bill to establish a separate upland game and fisheries commission composed of sportmen who would receive only expenses for their services.

The bills setting up the sportmen's group to look after preservation of upland game and sport fishing are in the Senate and House Committees on Fish and Game.

The House Judiciary committee has before it a bill that was drafted by the Outdoor Life Federation—and sponsored by thirty members of the House—called for the appointment of an unpaid commission of seven men as the policy-making body for a department embracing all conservation problems.

The seven-man commission would hold the power to appoint the administrator of the department, to be known as a director. The director would choose sub-deparmental chiefs to supervise bureaus of tidewater fisheries, upland game and game fishing, research and propaganda.

Under the O'Conor bill, the head of the tidewater commerical fisheries would be one of the five practical watermen selected on the commission.

The administration bill to establish the upland game and fisheries commission would give the sportmen the right to name the administrator of the department, provided, however, that the first appointee to this post be the present game warden, E. Lee LeCompte.

So far as the upland game and fisheries commission is concerned, the bill provides that present employes of the State game division would be blanketed into the Merit System.

For all purposes, the State game division now operates as a separate unit, although under jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. It is supported by revenues from hunting and fishing licenses and fines imposed for violation of the State game laws.

Under the O'Conor plan, its operating funds would continue to come from these sources and the bill creating the upland game and fisheries commission contemplates no changes in this fiscal procedure.

One of the major complaints that has been made, especially by watermen, against the present conservation setup is that the personnel in charge of enforcement contains a lot of "deadwood," inefficient and superannuated employes incapable of supervising the tidewater industries.

In order to get rid of these the O'Conor bill for the tidewater commission is so drawn that 131 of the present conservation employes, in or out of the merit system, will be legislated out of their jobs.

In place of these 131, the bill calls for the employment of sixty-four men in newly classified positions.

Relative to his position on the lack of specific mention in the bill of the merit system with regard to the sixty-four new employes, the Governor pointed out that all of the 131 to be discharged be granted preferred classification on merit system rolls provided they can pass the required examination.

And, according to reports, the Governor is guided in making a wholesale cleanout of the tidewater employes by advice he has received that is is useless to embark upon his conservation plan unless such steps are taken.

Watermen have complained that it will be imppossible to grant them the right to police their own industry unless they are implemented with the proper enforcement personnel.

Personal And Social

The Village Restaurant, in this town, after having been closed for some weeks, reopened on Monday morning under new management.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reynolds were given a noisy serenade on Monday evening by a large number of their friends, who made welkin ring with all sorts of noise devices.

The ladies of Principio Furnace are holding a St. Patrick's party in the club room (school house) Friday, March 17. Everybody welcome. Refreshments will be served at 8 p. m.

David Roy Perkins, who has been an instructor with the Maryland National Guard since 1921, when he was first assigned at Elkton, then Centreville, Cambridge, Cumberland, Belair and Frederick, was retired by the Government on February 28.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ralph Robinson arrested Elmer and Duffie Roarks, two farm youths of near Chesapeake City, after they are alleged to have broken into the roadhouse of Dolphus Wharton near Cayots Corner, and carried off a slot machine.

Saturday's sleet and snow came on the anniversary of the great 1888 blizzard that swept the country on March 11, 12, and 13 of that year, causing death and wide-spread destruction during the three days it raged, and requiring days and days to dig out of the snow and repair damage, before things were restored to normal.

Chimney Fires

Two fire calls were recieved by Rising Sun firemen on Monday morning, within a few minutes of each other. The first alarm was about 11:15 o'clock, and came from Theodore, where soot in a chimney of the dwelling of William Lewis was on fire.

Chemicals were used by the firemen and the blaze soon extinguished.

The second call came about fifteen minutes after the firemen with chemcial truck had left for Theodore, and the big La France pumper was taken to the home of Mrs. India White, on Peral street. The services of the pumper were not needed, however, as hand extinguishers soon put out the chimney fire.

Fire In Bedding

A fire in the bedding of a second floor room, in the dwelling Dr. T. B. Moore of this town, was discovered about ten o'clock Sunday night, and the smouldering mass thrown from the window by the Doctor, who was burned about the hands.

The supposition is that ashes from a lighted cigar caused the blaze, which had evidently been smouldering for hours, as no one had been in the room since morning, and the smell of smoke had been detected for some time before the fire was discovered. The mattress and bedding were ruined, but the discovery of the smouldering fire before it had grown to serious proportions probably saved the dwelling.

Boy Scout Notes

Scoutmaster Warren opended the meeting at 7:15 o'clock Monday evening, by repeating the Scout Oath and Law. Because of play practice in the auditorium, we met in one of the school classrooms, which was too small for games, and too poorly lighted for much studying. However, we had a study period of forty-five minutes.

Dues were collected, amounting to $1.08. Assistant Scoutmaster Shingler and Mr. Graham were also present.

Irvin Leggett, Scribe.

Little Tot Seized With Wanderlust

Wanders From Home--Faithful Dog Proves Hero

Rising Sun was thrown into a high state of excitement on Friday morning last when it became known that little Tommy Roberson, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Asher S. Roberson of this town, was missing from his home and could not be located.

A general alarm was sent out and a large number of men and boys started a wide-spread search.

It was learned that the little fellow accompanied by his faithful Scotch terrier "Brownie" had been seen going along the railroad, close to town, headed toward Sylmar.

After five anxious hours Tommy was finally found near Nottingham, Pa., by Harry Fox, and returned to his home here, apparently none the worse for his five mile tramp.

Increased alarm was felt for the safety of the little fellow, as it was feared he might have been on the railroad at the time the southbound train, due here at 11:30 a. m., passed.

It developed, through questioning by his mother, after Tommy's safe return to his home, that he was on the rail road as the train approached and but for the faithful and intelligent little dog, would have been struck. "Brownie," it appears from what the boy told his mother, saw the approaching train, and sensing the danger tugged at the clothing of his little master and compelled the lad to step from the tracks, out of harm's way, before the train reached them.

"Brownie" certainly has earned a medal for himself by the intelligence displayed in saving the boy from harm. Brownie also objected strenuously when Mr. Fox approached Tommy after finding the boy miles from home.

Attendance In County Schools

The report of Attendance Officer, Edward H. Barnes, shows that during the month of February the two-teacher schools in Cecil county led in average attendance with a percentage of 91.3. The high schools were second with an average of 90.0; graded schools third, with 88.2; colored school group fourth, with 87.5 and 87.4. One teacher schools were at the bottom of the list with aveage of 86 per cent. The averages of the various schools follow:

One-Teacher Schools—Earleville 96.8, Pilot 96.5, Charlestown 96, Pierce's Neck 95.9, Fingerboard 94.1, Fair Hill 94, Wesley 92.2, Jackson 91.6, Hart's 90.1, Principio 89.1, Union 89, Chapel 88.5, Jefferson 88.4, Pleasant Hill 86.6, New Valley 82.8, Warwick 79.5, Rowlandville 79.4, Johnson 78.9, Pond's Neck 78.7, Blake 77.7, Liberty Grove 77.5, Oakwood 70.2, and Marion 65.5.

Two-Teacher Schools—Perry Point 96.4, Providence 9.16, Colora 91.3, Elk Mills 90.8, Leeds 90.7, and Cherry Hill 88.8.

Graded Schools—Cecilton 89.6, Elkton 88.9, Chesapeake City 88.5, Perryville 88.4 North East 88.3, Calvert 86.3, and Rising Sun 86.

High Schools—Elkton 92.9, Perryville 91.3, Rising Sun 91.1, Kenmore 91, Calvert 90.9, North East 90.2, Cecilton 90, Chesapeake City 89.5.

Colored Schools—Elkton 97, Wilson 95.9, Port Deposit 95.4, Conowingo 90.1, Cedar Hill 83.5, Chesapeake City 82.9, Cecilton 82.7, North East 77.2, Cokesbury 75.9; Elkton Colored High School 87.4

No Profit In Slot Machine

That a slot machine brings little profit to anyone, was demonstrated by one in the taproom of Dolph Wharton, near Chesapeake City.

Wharton, who accussed Delmar Roakes of stealing the machine after he had lost his money, was fined $50 and costs for operating it on his premises. Roarke who was shot and slightly wounded while fleeing with the machine, was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction on a larceny charge.

Another loser was a cousin of the injured youth, Duffie Roarke, who was fined $100 and costs for driving while intoxicated. Magistrate W. C. Miller imposed the sentences Saturday.

Lloyd Wyker, for the past year official cattle tester for Cecil county, has been advanced in the State service and assigned to the extension service, at College Park. Charles Davis, of Harford county, has been transferred to Cecil county, succeeding Mr. Wyker.

Men sometimes worship women because they are unable to understand them.

Dairy Herd Improvement Association

Records Show Guernseys Out In Front With Production

Lloyd Wyker, official tester for the Cecil County Dairy Herd Improvement Association in his report for the month of February shows that the Guernseys are out in front with the highest production averages.

S. W. Blakeslee, of the Cecilton section, Guernsey cow No. 1, tops the list in the individual production with 1249 pounds of milk and 6.24lbs. of butterfat.

The highest herd average was that of the Guernseys from the farm of D. C. Fonda, of Earleville section, when 15 individuals yield an average of 710 lbs. of milk and 32.7 lbs. of butterfat.

In the individual tests the ten leaders all averaged better than 50 lbs. of butterfat, as follows:

First, cow No.1, S. W. Blakeslee, 1249 pounds milk and 62.4 pounds butterfat; second cow 13, owned by H. B. Crowgey, 1156 lbs. milk, and 61.3 lbs. butterfat; third, cow 36, J. T. C. Hopkins, 1618 pounds milk and 5.9.9 lbs. butterfat; fourth, cow 31, J. T. C. Hopkins, 1330 pounds milk and 55.9 pounds buttefat; fifth, cow 19, L. Wickes Davis, 1585 lbs. milk and 55.5 lbs. butterfat; sixth, Tops Pat, R. E. Bower, 1226 lbs. milk and 55.2 pounds butterfat; 7th, Kings Pride, S. W. Blakeslee, 1011 pounds milk and 53.6 butterfat; 8th, Verna, Eugene England, 1266 lbs. milk and 53.2 pounds butterfat; 9th, cow 12, S. W. Blakeslee, 1053 lbs. milk and 52.6 butterfat; 10th, Marie Wallace Williams, 1198 lbs. milk and 50.3 butterfat.

The best five herid average, first, 15 cows, D. C. Fonda, 710 lbs. milk and 32.7 lbs. butterfat. second, 10 cows, Edwin D. Morgan, 705 lbs. milk and 27.5 lbs. butterfat; third, herd of 17 cows, Glen and E. R. McGrady, 531 lbs,milk and 27.8 lbs. butterfat; fourth, 21 cows, owned by Eugene England, 599 lbs. milk and 27.4 lbs. butterfat; fifth, 20 cows, owned by L. Wickes Davis, 780 lbs. of milk and 26.0 lbs. butterfat.

Three Sentenced For Holdup

The three youths who held up Ernest Flabbi, of this town, on the night of February 15, robbed him of $8.00, then forced him into their auto and took him out of town before he was released, were sentenced in the Circuit Court at Elkton on Monday. One received a two-year prison sentence, and the other two were committed to a reform school.

The three, Raymond Dalton, 23; Olin Madron, 16, and Walter Ragan, 15, all of Oakwood section, pleaded guilty to charges of highway robbery. Ernest Flabbi, a shoe repair man, testified the three, masks over their faces, entered his shop February 15. After they had robbed him of $8.00, he added, they made him go with them on an auto ride.

Dalton received the prison sentence. The others were sent to a reform school until they are 21.

Will Set Aside By Court

The States Courts of Appeals has set aside the divorce of the late Dr. Joseph I. France from his Russian-born wife, Mrs. Tatiana V. Dechtereva France, and accorded her a widow's status with a right to half his estate.

The former U. S. senator and unsuccessful aspirant to the Republican nomination for President in 1932 was granted a divorce in the Cecil County Circuit Court in 1938, on the grounds of desertion. The Appellate Court dismissed this contention.

When his will was filed Feb. 1, Dr. France's estate was valued unofficially at upwards of $400,000. However, bankers have said it is "substantially less."

Dr. France, who lived at Port Deposit, contended in his divorce suit that his wife abandoned him to live in Paris. The high court upholding Mrs. France's appeal, found she was forced to remain in Paris because of illness.

Boys Raid Chicken Roost

Four students at Chesapeake City High School, all under 15 years of age, were taken in custody by Sheriff David Randolph and released in charge of their parents for the action of the state's attorney.

The boys are charged with having raided the chicken roost on the Maxson property and selling the chickens to various people in Chesapeake City.

A rubberized coat given to the Portuguese King, Joseph I, in 1759 was a object of curiousity.

Briefly Noted News

Mrs. E. A. Jenkins spent Friday with Mrs. Samuel England, Oxford.

Mrs. Clara R. Biles has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Roberson, in Freehold, N. J.

Mrs. Howard String, son Albert and girl friend, of Bridgeton, N. J., where Sunday visitors of Mrs. Eva Horbes, and daughter.

Mrs. William M. Pogue and daughter Miss Isabel have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Pogue in Freehold, N. J.

Mrs. Ella Reese and Beatrice Gramling, of Philadelphia, were Tuesday-Wednesday guests of their sister, Miss M. Lidie Stewart.

Miss Alice E. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor S. Taylor of Elkton, and Mr. William W. Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Boyd of Perryville, were married Friday afternoon in the Elkton Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Albert E. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Sligh were the bridal attendants. The wedding music was played by Miss Miriam Jeffers.

Elkton Delegation Visits Annapolis

Elkton residents took Annapolis by storm last week, when a large delegation of citizens of the town and vicinity appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the legislature to protest against the passage of a bill to prohit the sale, use, or manufacture of fireworks.

The delegation was headed by Mayor Henry H. Mitchell, and representatives and employees of the Triumph Explosive Inc., of Elkton, and influential men in the county, and made an earnest appeal that Elkton's principal industry, the manufacture of fireworks and other explosive pieces be not killed by passing the proposed law.

To Vote On Water And Sewer Issue

What promises to be the most bitterly fought town election in years will take place at North East next Monday when a mayor and four town Commissioners will be elected. A total of 535 citizens have registered for the poll.

The candidates for mayor are Marion E. Rose and Ira Cameron. For town commissioners, five candidates, seeking four posts are as follows: Edward E. Clark, Clayton Craig, George W. Rawson, W. E. Craig, and Herman Yerkes.

The issue is whether the town should bond itself for a water and sewerage system.

Those favoring the improvements are backing Rose and the opposition is said to be behind Cameron.

An election was held last spring to bond the town matchig the WPA funds to undertake the project. The poll resulted in those favoring the improvements winning by a close margin of 37 votes.

Before this could be put into effect a group of taxpayers, opposing the issue, had an injunction issued. The court ruled that the registration and election held were both illegal.

During the present session of the legislature a bill was passed and signed by Governor O'Conor for a new registration and election.

The registration was held last week.

Turkey Thief Sent Up

Blain Burkett of the Conowingo section and Blaine Hall, Perryville, charged with the theft of a flock of turkeys from the Pennington farm pleaded guilty before Judge Fred Lee Cobourn, admitting they raided the turkey roost while drinking.

Burkett, who escaped from Elkton jail two years ago, was sentenced to 18 months in the House of Correction. Hall's sentence was suspended.

Frank Boyke, 23 years old, has surrendered to Sheriff David J. Randolph. He is alleged to have shot and seriously wounded Thomas Barnes, a truck driver, in a jealous rage at his home in Chesapeake City, Boyko is held at the Cecil county jail to await the outcome of Barnes' injuries in the Elkton hospital.

The new American La France fire truck, purchased by the Susquehanna Hose Company, of Havre de Grace, has been received. The purchase price was $9,950.00, which includes $1,200.00 worth of additional equipment. The truck replaces the hook and ladder truck formerly housed uptown. The members are proud of this new equipment.

You counldn't raise the hopes of some people with a derrick.

Senate Confirms Notary Appointments

Names Of The Seventy Who Will Serve In Cecil County

Governor O'Conor's appointments for Notaries to serve in Cecil county have been confirmed by the Senate. There are seventy in the list, as follows: Walter T. Appleford, Mollie Howard Ash, Rose W. Adams, Elizabeth M. Biddle, Louise H. Bennett, Mazie B. Boulden, C. M. McSpadden, Harry C. Cole, Angela B. Crothers, John J. Denver, Jennie Williams Downing, Ann B. Garrett, Charles H. Gatchell, Bessie C. Hartnett, Daniel W. Henry, Nellie N. Lawrence, G. E. Lawrence, Rising Sun; F. M. Moore, Lillian V. Minster, Edith P. Miller, Irene P. Merrey, Clement W. Mackey, Jennie D. McCauley, Mrs. Esther B. Pryor, Argus Robinson, Horce L. Scott, Bessie Singman and Mary E. Trimble, Charles E. Warburton, Doris E. Simmons, Elkton.

Sara A. Armour, Farmington.

W. K. Borger, W. Fletcher Nickerson, Ralph H. Rees, Lidie Sager, and Katherine T. Schafer, Florence B. Egee, Chesapeake City.

Benjamin Briscoe, Ada H. Ely, Ruth C. Ewing, Vernon B. Garvin, Eugenia Hall, John T. Lamb, John E. Mackey, Albert M. McNamee, Jannette R. Reed, of Rising Sun.

William A. Brown, Irving Burke, Margaret J. Cheyney, Lillie S. Davis, Ruth E. Haley, George W. Roberson, Cecilton.

Louise Carlson, Harry S. Coslett, Helen Davis, Emily F. Peach, Della E. Reynolds, Blanche R. Reeder, of North East.

Walter S. Child, George C. Logan, Rowlandville.

Catherine F. Cobourn, Velva M. Krauss, Perryville.

Edward E. Duff, Nellie E. Poist, James H. Touchstone, Port Depoist,

Margery M. Murphy, Colora.

Edgar McCullen, Charlestown.

Charles Otis McCauley, Dorothy I. McCardell, Perry Point.

Edith Wilson, Principio Furnace. Charles F. Miller.

Ninth District Farmers

The Ninth District Farmers' Club met March 1, with Mr and Mrs. T. K. McDowell, of New London. The meeting opened with group singing and current events, followed by the host giving an interesting and instructive talk on Soil Conservation, of which he has made considerable study. After the business the program committee took charge and each farmer asked to tell what he considered his most profitable farm work together with any particular plan of work on farm equipment which has helped him. Some very interesting and varied responses were given concerning all lines of farm work.

After a bountiful dinner, Mr. McDowell introduced Mr. Fremont Loeffel, of Newark, Del., who very pleasingly entertained with his wit and humor, which proved a let down from the sterner things of life, and greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Mrs. Thomas H. McDowell, of Chatham, sang a solo and then a duet with her sister, Miss Woolens, both numbers being well rendered. After a pleasant day the club adjourned to meet in April with Dr. and Mrs.

Southern States Co-Operative

At a recent Committee Conference Composed of Board of Directors of Southern States Rising Sun Service, and leading farmers of the Rising Sun trading area, it was unanimously agreed that the cost of farm supplies—feeds, seeds, and fertizer—had been greatly reduced as a result of cooperative purchasing. It was further agreed that the quality of supplies generally had been improved, according to R. V. Rice, Bel Air, Maryland, District Manager, Southern States Cooperative.

A series of four Community Committee Conferences to be held around Rising Sun during the month of March was decided upon. These meetings are being sponsored by Southern States Cooperative and will be held so that farmers might become better acquainted with the services of their local Cooperative—Southern States Rising Sun Service.

A representative of Southern States Cooperative will speak at each meeting.

Southern States has a membership of more than 100,000 farmer patron members in Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia and Maryland. These farmers own and operate in their own interest, three modern feed mills, three fertilizer plants and three seed and farm supply warehouses.

An automobile can be given its coating finish in two days; a few years ago it took 37 days.