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## Elkton Still Popular Marriage Mart

### New Law Slows Up The Business But Wheels Continue To Turn

There still are plenty of marriages being performed at Elkton. It may be true that this country town is no longer the nation's foremost Gretna Greten, but neither have the new law and its restrictions scared away completely elopers and others who want to be married away from home.

The new "look-before-you-leap" marriage license law, requiring a declaration of intentions forty-eight hours before a license can be obtained, has slowed things up some.

Courthouse records show that there have been 484 marriages during July—more than in any month since the new year began amid the moans of marrying parsons and merchants.

Ministers collected fees from 147 more couples last month than in June—supposedly the month reserved for brides.

The wheels of the Elkton marriage mill still are turning, and apparently they are gaining momentum.

Of course it is a far cry from 484 to 1,518, the number of marriages performed by Elkton ministers in July of last year. And the blame for the decrease of approximately sixty-five per cent. has been laid entirely at the door of the new law. However, the number of marriages has been increasing steadily since the first of the year.

Getting married in Elkton is pretty complicated today compared to what it was once when license, marriage and blessing could be obtained in a half-hour's time with almost no questions asked.

Only recently a New York debutante and an aviator eloped three times to Elkton to get married once.

Veronica (Ronnie) Stearns, 19, and Douglas N. Lamy, flyer and cafe society figure, came to Elkton on July 20 and appeared at the Courthouse at 6 P. M. to declare their intention of getting married.

Monday July 23, at 9:15 A. M., they came back and got a license. On Saturday they returned and were married.

It is not necessary for both parties to the marriage to appear either to declare themselvs or to obtain the license. Usually, however, both do.

Despite the still large number of marriages, most of the marrying parsons have gone out of business.

Only three are left, it is said. They are the Rev. W. F. Hopkins, the Rev. R. J. Sturgill and the Rev. J. T. Baker. The Rev. Mr. Baker has asked for an injunction against the forty-eight-hour bill, claiming that it is unconstitutional and that it was "tampered with after passage."

The Rev. Edward Minor, 81-year-old dean of the Elkton ministers who made a business out of marriages, moved to Alexandria, Va., to set up a new marriage service there.

Most of the marriage customers, as in previous years, are from New York and New Jersey, where there are tests to be passed and other restrictions. Delaware and Pennsylvania send most of the rest.

## Unemployment Benefits

The end of July brought the total of unemployment benefits paid by the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board close to $14,000,000, the figure being $13,946,509. This includes all payments made since the beginning of 1938. At the current rate of disbusements the total should reach $14,000,000 by the end of the current week—August 5.

Payments in July aggregated $454,444. In July last year the figure was $904,267.

For the seven months of 1939 the payments amounted to $3,803,200, being $2,844,177 less than in the corresponding periods of 1938.

Compensation checks sent out by the Board at the end of July aggregated 1,479,700, each remittance representing a weekly benefit for total or partial unemployment.

## Reading Fair

Twenty five years ago, the Reading, Pa., fair moved into its present home one mile north of that city. Early next month, the event will be commemorated with a gala Silver Jubilee—marking a quarter century of progress on the present fair grounds site. The anniversary celebration will be staged in conjunction with the fair which operates from September 10, to September 17.

Don't annoy a silent man; he may be a reformed prize fighter.

## Briefly Noted News

Mrs. Charles Hilaman, of Chrome, had the misfortune to suffer the fracture of both arms.

Clifford Richardson has opened a barber shop in the front room of Herman Briton's Garage, on Main street.

H. M. Duyckinck is making extensive changes and improvements at his garage on East Main street, in this town.

Cameron Bros expect to begin canning corn at their plant here, the latter part of this week. Local help will be employed.

Rose Bank Sunday school, Calvert, will hold its annual picnic at Port Herman, along the Elk river on Friday, August 4.

Nathan B. Karl has sold his store business in Elkton to Charles H. Saunders, of Washington, who will conduct it in the future.

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association will hold a free clinic at the Fire House at Perryville on Wednesday, August 9th, at 10:00 a. m.

Lt. Hugh W. Caldwell, Jr., U. S. A., of Chesapeake City, who was graduated from West Point Military Academy in June, has been assigned to Fort Bragg.

Hog cholera has broken out in Kent county, Md., in the vicinity of Rock Hall. Herman Hill has lost his entire drove of eighty hogs, and Harvey Brice has lost thirty-five.

The annual picnic of Cecil County Farm Bureau will be held next Wednesday, at White Crystal Beach Manor. The Homemakers Clubs of the county will join in the outing.

The supper and fair held on Thursday and Friday evenings last, at West Nottingham for the Field House Fund, proved very successful, the gross receipts being about $325.00

The Harford County Fair Association has announced the dates for the annual fair at Bel Air, as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31, and September the first.

Robert Mace, aged 32 years, of Newark, Del., while operating a swing at Circus Park, three miles west of Elkton, fell and fractured his leg. He was removed to Union hospital, Elkton for medical assistance.

The W. C. T. U., will meet at the home of Mrs. H. W. Ewing on Thursday evening, August 10, at 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. Clarence Ashby and Miss A. Mabel Reynolds assisting hostesses. Devotional leader, Miss A. Mabel Reynolds; program leader, Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue.

Revel C. Horsey, a farmer of the Middle Neck, this county, has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for Cecil county, a member of the Board of Trustees of the County Home, near Cherry Hill, to succeed Frank Howard, of Chesapeake City, whose term has expired.

The Public Service Commission of Maryland, has granted a new truck permit for the Dublin-Darlington Co-Operative, Inc., with the right to operate over a wide territory. The new line started August 1st, hauling milk daily. The creamery at Dublin, will be closed by the Western Maryland Dairy.

We have been favored by Mr. H. B. Abbott, of Conowingo, with a generous portion of splendid Golden Bantam corn, for which we return our thanks. If there is anything finer as a table delicacy than young, tender, luscious Golden Bantam corn, you will have to search a long time for it. Mr. Abbott reports a good crop of this variety of sweet corn.

## New Crosley Midget Car

America's newest automobile has made its appearance on our streets. It is the Crosley, a midget car powdered by a two cylinder motor, with room enough for four passengers. It is claimed that this car will give fifty miles on a gallon of gasoline and that its operating cost is one cent per mile. It weights less than one thousand pounds.

W. E. Fisher, of Colora, is the local agent for this small edition automobile.

## North East Southern States Board

The patrons of the Southern States Co-operative of the North East area in Cecil county, have selected the following Advisory board to serve for the ensuing year: Ellsworth Walbeck, Casper Payne, George Ulary, Murray Cameron and Mrs. S. T. Wallis. The Co-operative has been active in this county for the past two years.

Rubber gloves are to wash your hands without getting them wet.

## Counter Attack By Church Trustees

Trustees of Pencader Presbyterian Church, near Glasgow, last week, launched a legal counter attack in the Court of Chancery against the Presbytery of New Castle when they filed a demurrer to the injunction suit brought against them recently.

The demurrer's principal contention is that the complainants in the suit had not made or staged a case entitling them to the recovery of the church property. The injunction had been brought against Thomas C. Brown, George Brown, and Walter E. Cann, whom it called the "trustees" and the Rev. Henry G. Welbon, whose pastoral relations with Pencader were dissolved by Presbytery in the recent "schism" of the Presbyterian Church.

Filed by Edward W. Cooch, attorney for the defendants, the demurrer contends:

It does not appear the complainants are members of the session, the board of trustees or the congregation of Pencader Church, or that any member of the session board, or congregation approved or consented to their bringing the injunction suit.

## Gladiolus Show

The Maryland Gladiolus Society has planned a big show for Saturday and Sunday, August 12, and 13, 1939, in the Auditorium of Havre de Grace High School.

The Sixth Exhibition will surpass the previous shows of the Society in number of exhibitors and quantity and excellence of bloom. Amateur growers have planted more bulbs, plants have grown well despite the dry weather of May and thrips have been controlled.

Commercial growers with display tables of pikes of old and new varieties and gladiolus from the Trail Garden of the Society will be shown. Exhibitors will compete for valuable prizes in bulbs and garden supplies, and for Sweepstakes Awards given by Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor, Mayor Howard W. Jackson, of Baltimore, Mayor Robert R. Lawder of Havre de Grace and Mr. Harold Higgins of Glad Acres, Easton.

The 1938 show drew over 3,000 visitors. Over 5,000 are expected at the 1939 exhibition which will be open to the public without charge.

## Farmer Meeting At Elkton

A conference sponsored by the Southern States Cooperative was called to meet at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, on Thursday evening of this week in order that the farmers of the Elkton section might have the opportunity of reviewing the principles of a cooperative fertilizer program, according to Max F. Borden, Baltimore, assistant manager, Southern States Fertilizer Service.

Under the cooperative plan farmers obtain their fertilizer requirements at cost. This cooperative service has grown very rapidly in popularity in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Delaware where farmers of more than 250 communities have adopted the plan.

## Avondale Printing Plant Sold

The printing establishment of John W. Jones, publisher of "The Avondale Herald," was sold Wednesday afternoon at Avondale, Pa., to satisfy a rent claim of $160 and a wage claim of $60. Deputy Sheriff, Charles E. Cook was auctioneer.

The equipment and paper brought $615, which topped the amount bid when the equipment was sold piecemeal. Thus the paper was sold to Lawrence Martin, who formerly published a paper at Princeton, New Jersey.

Jones was recently released from the Chester County Prison after serving thirty days on a charge of issuing worthless checks.

## Old Fiddler's Picnic At Lenape

Saturday, August 5th, there will be held at Lenape Park on the historic Brandywine, near West Chester, the annual Old Fiddlers' picnic and reunion. All musicians and their friends are cordially invited to attend this affair, which will last from ten a. m. until midnight.

Last year this affair drew an attendance of over eight thousand from four States despite a rainy day.

Christian C. Sanderson's Pocopson Valley Boys' Old Fashioned Orchestra, with a membership of over three hundred, will hold their annual reunion at the same time.

## Welfare Appointments Made By Governor

Announcement by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor of the make-up of the newly created State Department of Public Welfare has met with widespread acclaim throughout the State.

The new Board members are: Mr. Charles H. Roloson, insurance executive, Baltimore, Chairman. Mr. Sidney Hollander, Baltimore; Mr. George M. Moffett, National Executive of Corn Products Refining Company, Residence, Queenstown; Mr. Lee L. Dopkin, Baltimore; Mr. Thomas W. Pangborn, industrialist, Residence, Hagerstown; Mrs. J. Enos Ray, Chairman Welfare Board of Prince George's County; Mr. William L. Galvin.

## Lineman Gets 4000 Volts

While helping install an electric transformer on a pole on Delaware Avenue, in Elkton, David B. Clark of Philadelphia, came in contact with a high powered live wire and received a shock of 4000 volts. He was rendered unconscious. His brother went to his rescue and lowered the unconscious man to the ground, and he was taken to Union Hospital for treatment. Clark was severely burned on the left arm and left foot, but the doctors expect his complete recovery.

While working on a pole in same street, several years ago, Charles Heverin, another employee of the electric company, was killed in a similar manner.

## Holtwood Robbery Suspects Arrested

Government men have arrested Henry I. Pitney and Frank Harrigan, New York, on suspicion of the robbery of Holtwood (Pa.) Club and post office, July 16th, of last year, and they will be given a hearing in the Newark, N. J., court. Securities worth $13,000, of the Holtwood Amusement Co., stolen that night, have come to light, these men being charged with possession and transporting them.

The cash stolen included $1400 from the Club safe, and $100 in cash and $500 in stamps from the postoffice, they being located in the Club House.

## Injunction Asked By Circus Park

Circus Park, on Route 40, west of Elkton, has been warned by county officials to desist from collecting admission fees to their amusement park and picnic grounds, and charging admission on Sundays, under threat of arrest.

The Circus Park management has asked Cecil Circuit Court for an injunction to restrain the officials from interferring, asserting that should they be compelled to cease operating the Park it would destroy the restaurant and confectionery business, and would work irreparable damage and injury to said business.

## To Extend Elk Neck Improved Road

The Maryland State Roads Commission has made plans for extending the improved road 2.15 miles further down Elk Neck. At present the improved road ends 4.2 miles south of North East. When the contemplated section is built it will reach to Elk Neck CCC Camp. The contract for building the proposed new section of road will be awarded in a few days. It will be bituinous road mix surface.

## Bank To Retire More Preferred Stock

The directors of the North East National Bank have voted to retire ninety more shares of preferred stock of the institution, issued following the bank holiday in 1933. This will leave outstanding only 30 shares of preferred stock out of an issue of 540 shares, par value $200 each.

## Ballastic Plant At Proving Grounds

A ballistics research laboratory soon will be erected at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, in connection with the Air Corps' expansion program.

The laboratory will cost approximately $300,000 and will be devoted to research and experimentation in ballistics and fire control of armament employed in combat planes.

Don't submit to the inevitable until you are sure it is the inevitable.

## Personal And Social

F. E. Baker is visiting relatives in Vineland, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Reynolds spent the week by the seashore at Wildwood, N. J.

Recent guests of Mrs. Louise Brokaw were Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, of Glenolden, Pa.

Miss Laura Haddock, of Detroit, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Roberson during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dare of Alexandria, Virginia, spent the week-end with Ralph T. Wilson and family, at Mapel Lawn.

Miss Jean Smith, of Baltimore, was the Sunday-Monday guest of Mrs. H. D. MacLellan, at The Bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman and son Marlin, Jr., of Easton, Md., spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

George W. Carr, of Pilot, Md., blind accordianist, won first prize last Sunday, July 29th, at Radio Park, 18 miles from Wilmington, Delaware.

Billie Buck and John Tyson are enjoying a motor trip and seeing the sights at the New York World's Fair this week.

Dr. R. C. Dodson and family, on Thursday, attended the festivities at Chincotaque Island, Va., held in connection, with the annual Pony Penning.

Mrs. Robert Cameron and Miss Leila Hite were among those from this section to enjoy the sights at the New York World Fair last week.

The F. W. Waltons, Moundsville, West Virginia; Mrs. Rachel McKinsey, Jennersville, Pa., were visitors last week of Mrs. Ella Mask and Miss Margaret Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis L. Ely, and Mrs. Elmer Ingram, of this town, attended the annual reunion of the Paxton family held at Upper Octoraro, Chester county, Pa., on Saturday.

The engagement of Miss Miriam Brown, of the Chesapeake City high school faculty, and Mr. Richard Wilkins has been announced. The wedding will take place in the early fall.

Mrs. Leslie Rawlings, Mrs. J. Earl Tyson, Miss Mary Kirk and Miss Retta Fox were among residents from our community to enjoy visits to the World Fair at New York, last week.

Annauncement has been made of the engagement of Miss Susan Alice Cox, daughter of Mrs. Nancy Cox of Rising Sun, to Mr. Robert M. Baker of Williamsville, New York. The wedding will take place in October.

John McGee, of Govanstown, Balto., Md., who holds U. S. Dept. of Commerce Continous Discharge Book in the rating of Steward, for sea-going passenger and freight ships, visited Geo. W. Carr and family over the week end; also, Gilbert Campbell and family.

Mr. McGee has been visting in this vicinty, since his boyhood at Independence Farm, the home of Harry Maxwell.

## Griffith--Roberts

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Roberts, of Newark, Del., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss B. Jane Roberts, to Mr. Paul T. Griffith, son of Mrs. Mary Griffith, also of that town. The wedding took place Friday evening, July 21, at Chestertown, Md. Miss Jean Jenkins and Mr. Edward Naylor, of Elkton, Md., attended the couple.

## Harrison--Bramble

The wedding of Miss Elsie Barbara Bramble daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urie Bramble, of near Elkton, and Mr. Frank H. Harrison, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Harrison, 107 Western avenue, Elsmere, Del., took place Saturday evening, July 22, in the Elsmere Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Raymond P. Sharp, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Wilson Campbell attended the bride as matron of honor, and Mr. William Harrison served as best man for his twin brother. Mr. John Harkins, Mr. Wilson Campbell, and Mr. Ralph Bramble were ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will reside at 519 West Eight street, Wilmington, after August 10th.

## Riley Family Reunion

The annual reunion of the members of the Riley family will be held at the home of Henry Riley, near Rock Springs, on Sunday, August 13. A general invitation is extended to all interested to attend.

## Girl Loses Life In Auto Crash

### Five Other Persons Injured In Three Car Accident Near Perryville

A 16-year-old girl was injured fatally Sunday morning when the automobile in which she was riding was in collision with two other cars on the Philadelphia road, a mile east of Perryville.

She was identified as Miss Helen Sharretts, of Merchantville, N. J. She was in a machine driven by her father, Walter Sharretts, 45, who received severe lacerations of the face and arms. Miss Clara Sharretts, her sister, also a passenger, was uninjured.

The Sharretts automobile was in a head-on collision with a car said to have been driven by Philip Frizler, of Bronx, N. Y. The Frizler machine, after sideswiping a car driven by H. G. Anthony, of Millington, Md., crashed into the other automobile, according to the police.

All four occupants of the Frizler car were injured. They were Mr. Frizler, lacerations of the body; his wife, possible fractured ankle; Joseph Sind, lacerations of the face; his wife, lacerations of the face and body. All are from Bronx. Those in the Anthony car were uninjured.

The injured persons were taken to the Havre de Grace Hospital, where Miss Sharretts was pronounced dead.

Patrolman S. H. Schultheis, of the Maryland State police, ordered Frizler held pending the outcome of an investigation by Harford county authorities. Anthony was released. All the injured remained at the hospital.

## Sent To The House Of Correction

Found guilty of larceny of chickens from Mrs. Annie Albenese, of near Elkton, Thomas Harrington and Wm. Sundell, two young white men of North East section, were sentenced by trial magistrate G. Reynolds Ask, of Elkton, to three months in the Maryland House of Correction.

Charles White, negro, of Port Deposit, whose home in that town, was raided by Sheriff Randolph, of Elkton, and Special Deputy Harry Riley, of Port Deposit, and a lot of no-tax liquor found, was given a hearing before Magistrate Pugh. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to one year in House of Correction.

## Havre De Grace Postmaster Examination

The U. S. Service Commission has announced the standings of the applicants in the recent examination held for postmaster at Havre de Grace, to fill the vacancy caused by the death last August of Harry A. Coy.

Mr. Harry Bodein, disabled veteran, was first on the list with Mr. James A. Currier, assistant postmaster since 1919, second. His brother, Mr. Oliver M. Currier, assistant postmaster at Aberdeen for a number of years, was third. Mr. G. Howard Hergenrother, acting postmaster since last December, stands fourth in the list.

## Kent County Woman Pilot

Kent County, Md., enjoys the distinction of being the home of the first woman in this section of the United States to receive a pilot's license to command commercial vessels plying the Chesapeake Bay.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Flowers, 22-year-old wife of Otis H. Flowers of Chestertown, has received her license to command the power boat "Chester", of the C. W. Kibler & Sons fleet of power boats, and left last week with a cargo of grain for Baltimore, with her husband at the throttle.

Capt. Lillie Mae, as she is known to watermen, was apprentice for five years under her father-in-law, Capt. W. D. Flowers, as "tutor" before receiving her pilot's license.

## The 116th Year Of Record-Observer

The Queen Anne's Record-Observer, published at Centreville, Md., observed its 116th year last week by publishing a mammoth edition showing not only the progress of the section of the country served by this excellent weekly, but also the advancement the periodical its self has made, from the small beginning of years and years ago.

All honor to the Record-Observer, and may it continue to thrive and expand.