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Cecil County Board Of Education

Schools Will Reopen September 6--Resignations--New Cecilton Bus Route

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8th. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Mrs. Wallace Williams, Vice-President, and Dr. T. B. Moore.

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

A letter was received from Mr. R. C. Thompson, State Supervisor of Special Education and Attendance, inquiring whether any special classes were contemplated in the County during the coming school year. Mr. Thompson explained that the State would pay $50.00 per month toward the salary of the teacher of each special class. The Board instructed the Superintendent to secure additional information regarding this matter and report at the next meeting.

A letter from the Secretary of the Retirement System informing the Board that Miss Alice Rawson's absence was approved and that she would be continued as a member in service.

Mr. Henry A. Warburton informed the Board that he accepted the appointment as Attorney to the Board.

Mr. Bruce A. Graybeal, who was recently awarded the Senatorial scholarship to Western Maryland College, came before the Board with his bondsmen for the purpose of signing the bond required in connection with this scholarship.

The resignations of the following teachers were received and accepted with regret:

Miss Miriam Brown, Home Economics teacher at Chesapeake City and Calvert High Schools.

Miss Gladys Dean, Principal of the Charlestown school.

Mrs. Roberta S. Bryson, Assistant in the North East Elementary School.

Bids were received on insurance for the school busses for the coming school year from the following agents—Mr. Charles Crothers, Mr. Fred Leffler and Mr. Daniel H. Garrett. After some discussion, the Superintendent was instructed to get additional information regarding these bids and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Bids were received from the following on the new bus route to be established in the First District when the new Cecilton school is ready for occupancy: R. P. Fillingame $6.50 per day; Horace B. Powell, $5.50 per day; Elias Rhoades, 6.45 per day; James Short, $5.63 per day; Harry Boulden, $5.97 per day and Robert Kennedy, $6.00 per day. The Board awarded the bid to the lowest bidder, Horace B. Powell, at his price of $5.50 per day.

The date for the opening of both white and colored schools of Cecil County was set for September 6, 1939, preceded by a teachers' meeting on September 5th. The date for the closing of schools was set for June 14, 1940.

The Board decided to defer the opening of bids on the addition to the Kenmore school for one more week so that separate bids could be taken on the general work, plumbing and heating, and electrical work. It was felt that this arrangement would work to the advantage of local contractors.

The annual report for the year 1938-1939 was discussed at some length by the Board.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the deed for the lots recently purchased adjacent to the Perryville High School property had been received and duly recorded.

The following transfers and appointments were approved by the Board.

Miss Inez Craig from the Wesley School to the Charlestown school.

Miss Audrey M. Abrams, Principal of Wesley School.

Miss Mabel V. Cephas, Assistant in the Elkton Colored High School.

The Superintendent informed the Board that Miss Doris M. Schaefer had not accepted her appointment as assistant in the Kenmore High School. Miss Jewel Constance Payne was appointed to fill this vacancy.

The Board decided to close the fingerboard school and transfer the teacher, Miss Alverda Ferguson, to the existing vacancy in the Cecilton elementary school—transportation will be furnished for the Fingerboard children to the Cecilton elementary school.

The Board decided to have the firm of Charles O. Hall, of Baltimore, audit the books of the Board of Education for the school year 1938-1939.

Briefly Noted News

The Timonium Fair dates are September 3, to 9, and racing 3, to 14.

More sweltering heat this week, with the mercury climbing well up into the nineties.

The annual lawn fete for the benefit of St. Patrick's Church, Havre de Grace, held four evenings, netted over $700.

The Mercury auto given away at the Quarryville Fire Company carnival went to Harry E. Shepardson, of New Providence, Pa.

The Rising Sun firemen were called to the Van Dyke home, near Calvert, about five o'clock Thursday afternoon, to extinguish a chimney fire.

Frederick P. Racine, son of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Eugene Racine has enlisted as a mechanic in the U. S. Air Corps, and been assigned to Mitchell Field.

Rev. Kenneth Walther, paster of the Presbyterian, church of Port Deposit, and Miss Margaret Crey, of Princeton, N. J., were married Saturday, August 12, in Princeton.

The ladies of Principio Furnace will serve a fried chicken supper in the local club room, Saturday, Aug. 26. Menu also includes vegetables and dessert. Benefit M. E. church.

The A. & P. Store in Bel Air was badly damaged by fire on Sunday afternoon, August 6. The blaze is believed to have been caused by an over-heated ammonia refrigeration plant.

A grandfather's clock at the public sale of furniture and household goods of the late Miss Annie M. Mentzer, of New Holland, Pa., was purchased for $202.50 by T. K. Sweigart, of Gap.

Marcia Kelly Jebb, Oxford, Pa., has brought suit for a divorce from Ralph B. Jebb, Avondale, Pa., on the grounds of infidelity. The couple were married November 19, 1938 and separated July 3, 1939.

Gov. Herbert O'Conor has appointed Stewart O. Day, a member of the Harford County bar, to the Board of Education for that county. He had previously served a six-year term as a member of the board.

The Race Track Inn, on Post Road, near Havre de Grace, was seriously damaged by fire Sunday morning last. A purse belonging to Mrs. Charles H. Eckard, wife of the proprietor, in which was a quantity of paper money, was also burned.

Maryland Crop Report

COLLEGE PARK, MD., August 11—Favorable prospects for most of the principal crops were maintained during July, despite a serious shortage of rainfall in some areas, according to the August 1, crop survey made by the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. The indicated yields of corn and wheat were the same as a month ago while prospects for hay and tobacco improved slightly. The most acute shortage of moisture was over the Eastern Shore where the average rainfall was about one-half of normal and yield indications of early Irish potatoes continued to decline as harvesting progressed.

Free Fair At Bel Air

The Directors of Harford County Fair Association, at Bel Air, have announced that the fair on the Bel Air fair ground on August 30 and 31 and September 1, would be free. The exhibition of livestock and farm products will be financed through funds provided by the recent race meet.

Seriously Injured By Fall From Silo

David Nickle, employed on the farm of Ernest Cullen, just south of town, was very seriously injured on Monday afternoon, when he fell a distance of 25 feet from a silo to a concrete platform. He landed on his feet, suffering a fracture of a bone in one of his feet, and other injuries. Dr. R. C. Dodson was called and took the injured man to Union Hospital, Elkton, after giving medical aid.

Aphis Damaging Corn

Corn fields in Queen Anne's county, Md., are reported suffering from a double attack of drought and aphis which together threaten to damage considerably a crop that has shown promise of being the finest in many years in the county.

The aphis attacks corn at the tassel near the top and sucks the sap. Prevalence of the aphis is widespread, far more than usual. The extent of possible damage is not known since farmers are unsure as to effect of the infestation.

Law Closes Sunday Amusement Park

The Circuit Court at Elkton has upheld the right of Sheriff David Randolph and State's Attorney Ellis D. Rollins to prevent the operation of amusements at Circus Park on Sundays.

Sandy Tamargo, owner of Circus Park, located on the road between Elkton and North East, had instituted mandamus proceedings to restrain the sheriff and the state's attorney from interfering with his business at the park.

The officers told the court in a special hearing that complaints had been made that the amusements conducted at the park on Sundays were contrary to law and that they had notified Tamargo to cease or they would close the place.

The sheriff said he had recently arrested Tamargo on a charge of selling beer and liquor on Sunday and that Tamargo's beer and liquor license had been revoked by the Board of Liquor Commissioners.

The court rules the sheriff and state's attorney were within their rights to curb any violation of the law and ordered all amusements at the park to close on Sundays.

County 4-H Club Camp

The twenty-first annual 4-H Club week, held at the University of Maryland, was well attended by members from Cecil County. Among those present were:

Nell Waddell and Olene Rhodes of Conowingo; Elaine and Rebecca Craig of Port Deposit; Sydney Mosely, Lily Minker, Carolyn Beauchamp and Ann Fleming of Perryville; Margaret Mason, Mary Elizabeth Martenis and Flora Allen of Elkton; Edith Wheeler, Mildred Wilson, Rowena Neal and Eleanor Schrader of Perry Point; Florence Graham, North East; Virginia Reach and Virginia Barrow of Principio Furance; Virginia England, Rising Sun; Leah Ottey, Appleton; and John Little, Calvert.

At a special assembly, prizes were awarded for canning, baking, needlework and note books. Cherry Hill Club was awarded a red ribbon for it group note book. The following 4-H members also received awards: Lois Cowan, Virginia Rittenhouse and Edith Reisler, Calvert; Virginia England, Rising Sun; Louise and Nell Waddell, Conowingo; Florance Graham, North East; Helen Brown, Nancy and Gertrude Reeder, Elkton; Sydney Mosely, Perryville; Phyllis Patchell, Kenmore.

Arm Amputated After Auto Accident

Howard Magraw, 21 son of Earl Magraw, near Elkton, while driving one evening last week, collided with a truck in Cherry Hill. Both machines were badly damaged, and Magraw had his right arm so badly torn and mangled that it had to be amputated after he was brought to Union Hospital. His condition because so serious following the operation, that a blood transfusion was necessary, his father furnishing the blood. The driver of the truck, which was owned by a farmer near Barksdale, escaped injury.

Dual Highway Construction Work

Work on the new dual highway from the Delaware line to the Chesapeake City road at Holly Hall, is making good progress. The grading has been completed and one of four sections of the 22-foot concrete lanes has been completed.

The contractors are now pouring concrete for the second lane, a distance of 2.4 miles, and expect to have their entire contract completed from the Delaware line to Elkton before cold weather set in.

To Eliminate Grade Crossing

Work on a proposed overhead bridge at Leslie to eliminate the grade crossing of the Baltimore and Ohio railroads at that point, will be started soon. The road between North East and Leslie, will also be rebuilt. Plans have been made to rebuild the Bay View-Farmington road, but it will be necessary to resort in three cases to condemnation proceedings to obtain certain lands.

Sheriff Randolph and deputies last week landed in jail a colored man who had caused trouble at the home of Mrs. John Boswick, near North East.

The man had stopped at the home and asked for something to eat. After being fed he refused to leave and threatened Mrs. Boswick, who eluded him and telephoned for the Sheriff.

Drowning Accident At Old Field Point

J. Hayes McCauley, Jr., aged 24 years, of Leeds, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCauley, was accidentally drowned in the Elk River, off Old Field Point, about 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

In campany with his two brothers, he had gone out on thhe river in a boat and the three jumped into the water. It is thought Hayes was pulled under by the strong tide that was running at the time, as he disappeared and did not come up again.

After an all night search the body was recovered a short distance from the scene of drowning. about 5:30 the next morning. The body was recovered by John Schaeffer and William Reynolds, both of Chesapeake City.

The young man was a service station operator. Last October 5, his wife, Mrs. Agnes G. McCauley, was shot to death at the home of her sister, 1015 Tatnall street, Wilmington, by the woman's estranged husband, Mrs. McCauley losing her life in protecting her.

Special Train To The World's Fair

Cecil countians are making reservations on the train that will carry a special excursion to the New York World's Fair on Tuesday morning, August 22.

Round trip tickets, including admission to the fair are on sale at the low price of $3.50 from Elkton.

This ticket means your round-trip fare to and from the Fair Grounds direct, and your gate admission at the Fair. The Fair management has made a reduction for this date to the excursionists. A child's ticket—under twelve— will cost $1.75 for the round-trip from Elkton which also includes gate admission.

General Motors corporation has made a special concession for the Elktonians and the Cecil guests by setting aside 8:30 p. m., on the 22nd especially for the members of this excursion to see the most famous of all the fair exhibits without having to wait hours in line.

There has been a change in the train schedule which is announced as follows: Leave Perryville at 6:29 a. m., North East, 6:38 and Elkton at 6:45. It will leave the Fair Grounds Station, returning, at 9:50 p. m.

Outing Of Farm Bureau And Homemakers

The Cecil County Farm Bureau and Homemaker Clubs of the county joined for a day's outing at Crystal Beach Manor, on Wednesday, Aug. 9, and 250 members and friends attended. Next to the dinner, which was the top feature, was the horseshoe pitching contest, which was entered into with spirit by both men and women, and the latter showed their skill in the deciding game between the men and the women.

The elimination contests were close, Messrs. Harvey Simmers and Atlee Armour winning from Messrs. Mason and Merril, while for the ladies Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Mench, of Appleton, won from Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Stadler, of Charlestown.

Mrs. Mount and Mrs. Vandegrift received honorable mention.

In the final contest between the winning men's and the winning women's teams, the Homemakers showed they not only prepare meals expertly, and do other such homemaking things but could pitch horseshoes just a trifle better than the men, as Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Mench defeated Messrs. Simmers and Armour by one point.

Shingler--Anderson

Announcement is made of the marriage on Monday, Aug. 14, in Altoona, Pa., of Miss Marie Anderson, daughter of Mr. Heading D. Anderson, of that city, to Mr. Raymond Shingler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Shingler, also of Altoona. The groom is a member of Rising Sun High School faculty.

Giles--Wiemert

Miss Jennie Wiemert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiemert, Havre de Grace, and Mr. Raymond E. Giles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Giles, of Perryville, were married Saturday afternoon, August 5, at the Presbyterian manse in Havre de Grace, by Rev. R. Allen Brown.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Laird Morris and the best man was Mr. Earl Johnson, both of Havre de Grace. The bride wore a blue silk gown with hat and gloves to match, with a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

Personal And Social

W. B. Cooney returned on Tuesday from a week's trip to West Virginia.

Mrs. Emma Dunsife, of Frederick, Md., was a recent visitor of Mrs. Clarence Ashby.

Mrs. John Welsh, of Baltimore was entertained over the week-end by Mrs. Sara H. Wagner.

Miss Catherine Keilholtz, Billy Keilholtz and Herb Janney were Sunday visitors at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis L. Ely enjoyed a week-end motor trip over the Skyline Drive in their new Buick.

Mrs. John Schenck and two sons, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of her father, Dr. J. B. Slicer.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Flounders were George Riale and daughter, of Kennett Square, Penna.

Carlton B. Nichols, of Wilmington, visited Rising Sun friends on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson and son Thomas have returned from a week's vacation in the Pocono Mountains.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ewing were Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Crothers, of Merchantville, New Jersey.

Miss Gertrude S. Dare, of Swarthmore, Pa., visiting her brother C. T. Dare, at Green Hill Farm, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Petter Ott celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary at their home at Locust Point, Cecil county, on Sunday, August 6.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. H. Micheals and two daughters, of Media, Pa., were guests this week at the home of Edwin Haines and family.

Dr. and Mrs. William Workman, of Mt. Joy, Pa., were visitors of Mrs. Mary Cherry and Miss Louise Worthington during the week.

Herbert Reisler, of Toledo, Ohio, was a recent visitor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reisler, who accompanied him home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kennard, Francis, Jr., Robert, Mrs. Rufus Benjamin and Ruth Ann Pitt, spent the week-end at Ocean City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cherry and son Bob were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Jecques, Garrett Park, Md. Bob remaining for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lambert Mrs. Myrtle Shaw and children, Howard and Gene Lambert, motored to Ocean City, Md., and enjoyed the week-end.

Edwin L. Haines visited his daughter, Miss Anna Haines, in Philadelphia, and spent some time with Rev. and Mrs. Wm. H. Micheals, in Meida, Pa.

The families of Wm. M. Pogue, Wm. R. Pogue, and Claude C. Buck, nineteen in number, enjoyed a day's outing at Price's Beach, near Betterton, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McNamee have been enjoying a motor trip through the South, visiting in Georgia, were Mrs. McNamee formerly conducted a millinery business.

Mrs. Esther Woodrow and sons Roger and Carol, of Clark's Summit, Pa., visited relatives at West Nottingham last week, and spent some time at her cottage at Hack's Point.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Dickerson have returned from Winnipesankee, New Hampshire, where they spent three weeks in the Leadership Training School Camp, as members of the faculty.

Mrs. H. Porter Shaffer, Mrs. Vincent P. Conroy and daughters Ann-Perry and Carroll, of Kansas City, Mo., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing at the Bungalow this week.

Mrs. Earl Davis, of Washington, D. C., was a week visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Logan. Week-end visitors were Miss Althea Cooley and Mrs. Mary Davis, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Paul McCoy, of Newport, Del.

Mrs. C. I. White, of this town, received the felicitations of friends on Tuesday, on the attainment of her ninetieth birthday. Despite her years Mrs. White enjoys good health, retains her faculties and takes a keen interest in things.

Miss Rosalie C. Harris, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Harris, of Mt. Pleasant, Del., and the late Mr. Charles C. Harris, and Mr. Charles Keithley, of Elkton, were married at the M. E. parsonage, in Middletown, August 2, by the Rev. L. B. Morgan.

Miss Evelyn France Fisher, daughter of Mrs. Addie M. Fisher and the late J. Allen Fisher, Port Deposit, has just completed her course at the University of Pennsylvania Training School for Nurses, Philadelphia, and is spending her vacation in Rising Sun with her family.

Work Progressing On New Bridge

Substructure Forty-Five Per Cent Completed--Majority Employed Local Men

Work on the new Susquehanna bridge, between Perryville and Havre de Grace is reported as progressing rapidly.

Fifteen of the fifty-two piers are completed, twelve on the Cecil side, and three on the Harford side. The main abutments on either side also are completed. All of the other piers are in various stages of completion.

There will be five peirs in the east channel, seven in the west channel, thirteen on the island and fourteen on the Harford county side, with one abutment. None of the pier in the two channels nor on the island are completed.

Approaches to the bridge will come down to level at Ontario street on the Havre de Grace side, and at Aiken road on the Perryville side. Total distance from those two points will be in the neighborhood of two miles. The bridge itself will be about a mile in length. Over water clearance of the bridge at its highest point will be eighty-nine feet. Because of the long approaches the grade will be slight.

With approximately 600 men now employed, seventy-five per cent. of whom are from Harford and Cecil Counties, and a payroll of nearly $20,000 per week, the substructure work on the new Susquehanna bridge is full blast.

The substructure is in charge of Robert C. Reitz, contractor, and retails an expenditure of $968,712, the original estimate of which was $1,599,456.

The substructure work is scheduled for completion on January 15th, 1940. The entire project is supposed to be finished by July 1940.

July Auto Accidents

"The records of the Safety Department of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles show 28 fatal accidents were caused by motor vehicles in Maryland during the month of July. There were 33 operators involved in these accidents; of those charged with violations, 65% of these operators were credited with operating too fast for conditions.

"If we are to reduce the number of fatal accidents," said Commissioner W. Lee Elgin, "let us consider the maximum speed limit safe only when weather and traffic conditions are favorable and when the vehicle being operated is in good condition." "If any of these conditions are changed the speed of your car should be reduced."

The summary further reveals that the seven months of this year has ended with 13 more deaths than the corresponding period of 1938.

Ten, or 31% of the persons killed were pedestrians. Of this number there were 5 children, 2 were stepping from in front of behind vehicle, 2 crossing at intersection, no signal, and 1 crossing not at intersection. Of the adult pedestrians killed, 1 was walking in road, right side with traffic, 1 working in road way, 1 crossing at intersection against signal, 1 crossing at intersection, no signal, and 1 crossing not at intersection. Fifteen or 47% were passengers, and seven or 22% were the operators themselves.

Most of the accidents occurred on straight roads at curves and intersections, on clear days, dry-concrete roads, and during the hours of 2 A. M.-3 A. M.-7 P. M.-8 P. M. Sunday had the largest number of deaths with 12.

Will Move Thanksgiving Day Up

President Roosevelt is going to move Thanksgiving Day up a week this year, he said at a press conference Monday.

For the last six years, he explained, a great many people have been complaining that there is too long an interval between the Labor holiday early in September and Thanksgiving Day toward the end of November, and that time is too short between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This sounds silly, he said. But he added that stores, working people and retailers had proposed that Thanksgiving be changed from the usual last Thursday in November. This year it would normally fall on November 30, and Mr. Roosevelt has decided to issue a proclamation setting aside November 23 as Thanksgiving Day.

He recalled that in the early days of the republic a day in October was marked down for Thanksgiving and that it was not until after the Civil War that the last Thursday in November was selected.