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Referendum To Settle Water Dispute

North East Residents Will Take Final Vote On Public Improvement

The "drys" in the controversy over the proposal to install a water system at North East won a partial victory in the long, drawn out fight when they influenced the town commissioners to hold a referendum on the question.

The delegation which opposed the building of a water system with WPA assistance and local bond issue first repeated their plea for repeal of the ordinance. The "wets," however, strenuously opposed such a move and the commissioners voted the proposal down.

Spokesmen, including some of the leading taxpayers of the town, declared there were several reasons why the board should not issue the water bonds. They contended that the courts had not passed directly on the question, but had only acted on the election of commissioners.

The board finally consented to submit the question "For Water," or "Against Water Works," at a special election to be held next month.

It also was mutually agreed to abide by the decision of the voters, without further fighting or litigation.

Farm Group Meets

The 9th District Farmers met with Mrs. and Mrs. J. Fred Fox, on April 3, with the President, Mr. Howard R. Brown presiding. After singing "Work for the Night is Coming", Dr. S. J. Venable led in prayer. A childhood proverb was given in answer to Roll Call. The men told of experiments with tomatoes, sweet corn and hay. Mr. Brown told of the serious condition of the milk market. Mrs. Miller had a contest Whats In a Name. Mrs. Little read How Providence Care Started. Mr. E. D. Kirk and Dr. Miller were appointed inspection committee. All enjoyed the delicious dinner and social hour. The afternoon session was opened with singing. Miss Smith spoke of several meetings that have been held and others in the near future. She finds that more people are showing interest in "making things with your hands." She showed a jell-o-meter that takes the guess out of jelly making. Mr. J. Z. Miller talked on the conservation program and introduced the speaker Mr. A. V. Krewatch, Specialist in Agricultural Engineering, who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Farm Electrification and the use of electricity in the home, saying that the standard more expensive bulbs and appliances would soon pay for themselves in the saving in electrical current used. The Club adjourned to meet with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kirk on May 1.

Gone With The Wind At The Met

"Gone With The Wind", will be shown at the Met Theatre, Oxford, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 18th, 19th and 20th. There will be matinees and evening performances each day with an extra matinee beginning at ten o'clock Saturday morning.

The picture will be shown under exactly the same conditions as have prevailed in the three hundred theatres in the larger cities. All seats for every performance, except the two matinees on Saturday must be reserved. The prices are the lowest permitted by the producer: seventy-five cents for matinees and one dollar and ten cents evening performances. The matinees Thursday and Friday, will begin at two o'clock; evening performances at 7:30.

Saturday, there will be two matinees, one beginning at ten o'clock in the morning, the other at two o'clock in the afternoon. Saturday evening performance will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be plenty of good seats available for each performance. Those who have not previously reserved tickets may purchase them at the box office at the time of each show. Charts for all performances located at the Oxford News Office, South Third Street, Oxford.

The annual stockholders meeting of Perryville Building & Loan Association was held on April 8th, when Willis B. Gorrell was elected president, Dr. James F. Magraw vice-president, William H. Cole treasurer, and J. A. Hartenstine secretary.

The following directors were also elected: Frank Sentman, Bruce Craig, William M. Pogue, Wilton E. Owens, Donald C. Cole and Curtis Rutter.

Daily Noted News

The recent card party held by the Ladies Auxiliary of Chesapeake City Fire Co., netted $90.00.

The Calvert base ball club will hold a card party in the Calvert high school auditorium Friday night, April 26.

June 19 to 29, inclusive, are the dates selected for the annual carnival of National Lodge of Odd Fellows of Elkton.

The bake held on Saturday afternoon by the Reynolds school was very successful, the sum of $18.00 being realized.

Rev. Charles Traill has accepted the rectorship of St. James Episcopal Church, Port Deposit, and has moved to the rectory with his family.

Willett Yerkes, of the Ninth District, has been appointed campaign manager for "Bruce for Senate," with headquarters in the old Court House, Elkton.

S. Dell Smith has been appointed by the State Conservation Commission, Department of Fishery, a license clerk for Cecil county for non-resident fishing licenses.

The teacher and pupils of the Reynolds School give many thanks to everyone who helped make the Bake, Saturday afternoon, so successful. About $18 was realized, and will be spent for books, etc.

The Elkton W. C. T. U., members entertained the Rising Sun W. C. T. U., ladies in the Church House, Elkton, on Wednesday afternoon, when a special program was prepared.

The North East Fire Company will hold its annual show on Tuesday, April 23rd at the North East Theatre. Happy Johnny and his gang will provide the special entertainment.

The general store of N. R. Touchton, at Zion, was robbed of a considerable sum of money one day last week. It was the second time the store had been robbed within a few weeks.

Eastern Shore Farm Bureau cooperatives, in conjunction with the Southern States Co-operative, will start distribution of pertroleum in Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline and lower Cecil counties.

The Senior class at the Cecilton High School presented two plays "On the Dotted Line," and "The Laundry Mark," in the school auditorium, Tuesday night, of last week. The net proceeds realized were $40.

The Rev. Frank K. McKorkle, pastor of the Cherry Hill, Elk Mills and Big Elk Methodist Churches, has informed the official board that he wishes a change of territory and will ask that he be assigned to another charge at the coming conference.

Old Man Winter gave Spring a bad jolt Friday night, when a violent snow storm raged. Starting in the late afternoon with a dizzle of rain, this soon turned to hail, and then snow, covering the ground to the depth of more than an inch.

Robert Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jenkins of Rising Sun, and Roger Kincaid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Kincaid, of Calvert, are candidates for the varsity baseball team at West Nottingham Academy, Colora, Maryland.

Both boys are sophomores, having had two years experience with the junior team at the Academy, and as infielders have an even chance to break into the varsity line-up before the current season ends. Kincaid is Treasurer of the Student Senate at the Academy.

Fatally Hurt In Crash On Way From Funeral

Injured Tuesday in an automobile accident which occurred while he was returning from a relative's funeral in Virgnia, Richard Goodman of near Conowingo died in Staunton Hospital.

The car in which Mr. Goodman was riding was sideswiped by a truck near Staunton. A son, Gwyn Goodman, who was in the back seat, escaped with some cuts and bruises. Mr. Goodman is survived by his wife and three sons.

Sacred Concert

A sacred concert was given in the Methodist church of this town, on Sunday afternoon, by the Oxford Presbyterian Church choir, under direction of Conductor McClennan, of Philadelphia, with Mrs. John S. Wilson at the pipe organ.

The choir rendered Gounod's "St. Cecila," and the Hallelulah Chorus.

A large congregation was present to hear the impressive rendition of the sacred selections by this well trained group of singers.

Cancer Drive Starts In Cecil County

Mrs. Sidney H. Dixon of Elkton, and Mrs. Robert Mackey of Providence, co-captains of Cecil County, have opened the annual cancer fight enrollment drive for the area. They and their workers will attempt to enroll every man and woman in the fight. There will be a county-wide meeting in the Elkton High School auditorium on Friday, April 26, at which time eminent speakers will present the facts of cancer to the public.

"Early cancer is curable. Fight it with knowledge." This will be the subject of the speaker at the County wide cancer control meeting.

The American Society for the Control of Cancer has just released the following information:

"Every day in America more than 400 men, women and children are destroyed by cancer.

"Approximately one out of eight persons who reach the age of 40 will die of this disease, if the present trend continues.

"Four million, five hundred thousand Americans who are now past 40 will perish from cancer unless the message that early cancer is curable reaches them in time."

The meeting in the High School is being sponsored by the Women's Club of Elkton who are asking the cooperation of every adult lay citizen, as well as of doctors and research workers, for the spreading of control propaganda.

There is no admission charge to the meeting in the High School and both men and women are invited.

4-H Leaders Meeting

A 4-H Leaders Meeting consisting of the Presidents of 4-H Clubs and local leaders was held in Elkton to discuss problems and activities with Miss Dorothy Emerson, State Girls 4-H Leader and County Agents. Some of the points presented by the group for discussion were: County tour, 4-H Sunday, County Vesper Service, Club Week at University of Maryland, Exhibits, Fairs, County Program on Safety, Camp for Leaders, and Recreation Program. It was decided to write Mr. Raymond Montgomery of Newark to speak on Bird Life. Miss Emerson through a fun test brought out the broad interpretation of 4-H work as a means of developing 4-H'ers for better community life through group participation in programs and in homemaking and agriculture. It was decided that a similar leaders conference should be held again to discuss county-wide youth programs.

Block Printing Meeting

An open meeting is being planned on block printing for all interested in this subject. This will be scheduled as an extra demonstration by the Cherry Hill Homemakers Club on Friday, April 19 starting at 10:30 at the hall. Homemakers are urged to bring materials and to plan for a work meeting. Two leaders in the county in block-printing plan to assist at this meeting. Mrs. Otis McCauley, Charlestown Club, and Mrs. Walter Simmons of Principio. All interested are asked to bring a box luncheon so all may participate in the work program. An additional feature of the afternoon will be a demonstration on electrical cooking by Miss Doris George of the Conowingo Power Company.

Badly Injured In Crash

Charles Festing, 24 years old, and his 23-year-old wife were taken to the Havre de Grace Hospital Saturday and pronounced in a serious condition as the result of an automobile collision on the Elkton-Perryville road, near Principio.

Diagnosis showed Festing sustained a fractured rib, punctured lung, and head injuries, while Mrs. Festing sustained a fractured vertebrae.

The couple were later removed to a Baltimore hospital.

Choral Society Makes Debut

The Cecil County Choral Society made its first appearence before the public on Sunday night last at the North East Methodist Church. The group, which numbers forty members is directed by Roy Schmidt, of Elkton.

The group also sang between acts of the Union Hospital play on April 18 and 19, at the Elkton High School.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Elkton Methodist Church is making plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization on Friday, May 10th, by holding a birthday party, in the Church House in that town. A special program is being arranged for the occasion.

Senior Class Presents Three Act Play

Despite the mid-winter weather that prevailed Friday evening last, when a violent snow storm raged, the Senior Class play, at Rising Sun High School, was well attended. As a further handicap an accident that broke an electric light pole, put electric service out of commission and plunged this entire section into a complete black-out. The auditorium was in darkness for about half an hour, the light going out, just as the first few lines of the play were being spoken.

During the half hour wait, Mrs. Raymond Shingler at the piano helped greatly by filling in with several instrumental selctions, and the school glee club also sang. When light service was finally restored the play was given without further hitch.

"Mail Order Brides," a three act comedy, was the play presented, every member of the cast giving a creditable protrayal of the character impersonated.

The cast was composed of the following members of the Senior Class: "Pinky" Butler and "Skeet" Snyder, ranch hands, Earl Nickle, Melvin Conrad; Nick Henshaw, owner of the Ruby Heart Ranch, David Baird; Nance Henshaw, his daughter, Isabelle Kennedy; Bob Henshaw, his son, William Johnson; Princess, an Indian squaw, Marie Hanna; Rose Crandall, the maid, Ruth Reynolds; Jane Hamilton, and Deering Hamilton, visitors from Chicago, Irene Graybeal, Wallace Biggs; Queenie Dugan, Arabella Jennings, Gaynell Jones, also of Chicago, Lorraine Riale, Lillian Connelly, Idabelle McGlothlin; William Hamilton, of the firm of Hamilton & Blakes, Jack Sebold.

Scene: Dining-room of the Ruby Heart Ranch near Elko, Nev.

The play was coached by Miss Eva P. Nutter, of the English Department, who has every reason to gratified with the presentation under her guidance.

The receipts on Friday night were $65.00. Due to the fact that a number of persons holding tickets were unable to attend on account of weather conditions, it was decided to repeat the play on Tuesday evening of this week.

A fair sized audience attended the play on Tuesday evening, the receipts being about $25.00. This boosted the gross receipts for the two evenings to $90.00. The funds will be devoted to the expenses of the graduating class.

Press Group To Inspect Proving Grounds

Leo M. Moore, president of the Maryland Press Association, has invited members of the Del-Mar-Va Press group to join with the Maryland newspaper men in a joint spring meeting, Tuesday, April 23, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Luncheon will be scheduled at Aberdeen. The Harford Agricultural and Breeders' Association will be hosts at the races in the afternoon, and dinner will be with the Havre de Grace Chamber of Commerce at Havre de Grace, Md.

The program starting at 10 o'clock in the morning will include as guests of honor Senator M. E. Tydings, Senator George L. Radcliffe, Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor of Maryland, Hon. Howard W. Jackson, Hon. Howard Bruce, Colonel Rose and Colonel Lewis of the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The Del-Mar-Va Press group Joined with the Maryland group at a joint two-day convention in Wilmington in January.

Foreign Missionary Society

The Spring meeting of Wilmington District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in the Methodist church, Rising Sun, Tuesday April 23rd. Morning session 10:00 a. m.; afternoon session 2 p. m. The speakers will be Mrs. Ross H. Davis, Baltimore Branch President, and Mrs. Kenney, of the Stewardship Department. Mrs. Keeney is well posted on late news of China. Lunch will be served in the church dining room for 35 cents.

Withdraws From Congressional Race

There are now but six candidates in the race for the Democratic nomination to Congress for the First Maryland District, Olin R. Higgins, former State Senator from Dorchester county, who, several weeks ago, announced his candidacy for Congress from the Eastern Shore district, has withdrawn.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Mary Cherry is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Watson, Germantown, Pa.

Miss Evelyn Fisher, of Philadelphia is spending some time with home folks in Rising Sun.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bradley, on Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Terry.

Miss Helen Ducan returned to her home on Wednesday after an appendicitis operation in a Baltimore hospital.

Mrs. H. D. MacLellan, Ben Avan, Pittsburgh, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing, at The Bungalow.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ross Cameron, of Freehold, New Jersey, spent the week-end with the former's father, Mr. Jesse T. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis L. Ely on Thursday afternoon attended the funeral of the latter's cousin, Dr. Alfred P. Lee, of Philadelphia, held at Penn Hill Friends Meeting House.

Mrs. Clara B. Keen was present at a birthday dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pusey on Sunday in honor of Mrs. Pusey's sister, Mrs. Charles Stewart, Middletown, Delaware.

Miss Dorothy Crawford, of Chesapeake City, and J. Latimer Lynch, of North East, Md., were married on Friday afternoon in the Episcopal Church at Elkton. Mr. Lynch and his birde will reside in Aberdeen, Md.

After spending the past three months with their daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barrow, in Downingtown, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. William Creswell returned to their home in Rising Sun on Wednesday.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Annie Marshall and Misses Mary and Stella Reynolds were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds, Mrs. Rachel McKenzie, Oxford, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brown, Jennersville, Pa., and Arthur Reynolds, Sylmar, Maryland.

Miss Bertha M. Tyson, State President of W. C. T. U., has returned from Baltimore, where she spent the winter at W. C. T. U., Headquarters, 903 St. Paul st., to her home at West Nottingham. She has had as her guests since returning home, Mrs. Emily Magraw Heideman, of Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, who was born and reared on the Magraw estate now the property of West Nottingham Academy. With her two cousins, Mrs. Mary Magraw Hansen and Miss Hattie Magraw, of Perryville, Md.

Hythehams Celebrate Founding

The 45th anniversary of the founding of the Hytheham Club of Port Deposit was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies on the afternoon of the second of April. Mrs. W. Phillip Cameron, charter member, and the pioneer club woman, selected for special honor by the Eastern Shore District, was in charge of the program.

The history of the club movement was recounted and tribute was paid to former Presidents and charter members: Mrs. Irwin France, Mrs. Charlotte Newell, Mrs. John R. Bond, Mrs. Frank Benson, Mrs. Phillip Cameron, Mrs. William Carson, and Mrs. Fannie M. Miller. A reading from Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" was given by a talented member of the club, Mrs. Joseph Conlin, the wife of a Tome faculty member.

A decorated birthday cake was a feature of the social hour, which followed the program.

Drop In Marriage Liceness

A drop of 11,500 marriage licenses issued at Elkton, in 1939 as compared with those of 1938, was shown by the annual audit of books and accounts of the clerk of Circuit Court for Cecil County.

Only 4,500 licenses were issued in 1939, against 16,000 in 1938, and 14,372 in 1937, showing the effect of the 48-hour law passed by the General Assembly of Maryland last year. The law requires couples to make applications for marriage licenses 48 hours before the time of issuance.

Following passage of the law, almost all the "marrying parsons" who made Elkton famous were forced out of business, and "quick wedding" business went to other states. The audit of accounts was just completed by state officials.

Everett McDowell, 13 and William McDowell, 17, sons of Mrs. Harvey McDowell near Zion, were operated on at Union Hospital, Elkton, on Wednesday for appendicitis within five hours of each other. While one was undergoing the operation the other boy took sick and was rushed to the hospital.

Election Judges For Primary Named

Board Of Supervisors Appoint Officials For May Primary

The Board of Supervisors of Elections for Cecil County has appointed the following judges to serve at the primaries Monday, May 6:

Edgar F. Bishop and Howard Benson, Democrats; H. W. Knock and George P. Davis, Republicans, for Cecilton district; Harry C. Kirk and Clifford D. Whiteoak, Democrats, and Tullard Buckworth and John M. Reed, Jr., Republicans for Chesapeake City district; A. Victor Davis, Dewey F. Patterson, Gove S. Jenkins, Ralph W. Pearce, J Hayes McCauley, Democrats, and C. Warren Kennard, Clarence Perkins, Hughlett E. Palmer, James B. Short and John F. Harvey, Republicans, for Elkton district; William McAllister and Alfred E. Davis, Democrats, and John Patchell and Walter E. Brown, Republicans, for Fair Hill district; Harry S. Coslett, W. E. Roney, William J. Logan, Robert M. Trimble and Ellis D. Armour, Republicans, for North East-Charlestown district; Ralph M. Reed, Herman C. Reynolds and Thomas Riale, Democrats, and William A. Reeder, J. Otis Kennard and William A. Cameron, Republicans, for Rising Sun district; J. Walter Campbell, Ward W. Abrahams, A. L. Burrows and Charles Baker, Democrats, and Walter B. Robinson, J. Howard Pugh, James H. Calvert and E. E. Campbell, Republicans, for Port Deposit-Perryville district; G. Louis Taylor, Democrat, and S. Taylor Ragan, Republican, for Oakwood district; William T. Ramsey, Democrat, and A. L. Gifford, Republican, for Calvert district.

Board Of Education

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tues., April 9. Those present were J. E. Crothers, President; Mrs. Wallace Williams, Vice-President, and Dr. T. B. Moore.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 12th were read and approved and sundry bills ordered paid.

A delegation of partrons from Cecilton, Mrs. Edward Morgan, Spokeman, came before the Board regarding the inclusion of additional subjects in the curriculum of the Cecilton High School during the coming school year. The Board agreed to cooperate in this matter in so far as it is possible.

A list of prospective high school graduates was approved by the Board.

The Board approved the following dates and places for holding the Spring Athletic Meets.

Colored Meet, May 11th, at Elkton, White Meet, May 17th, at North East.

The board approved June 14th as the closing date for the school year 1939-1940, with exercises to be held as follows:

Wednesday, June 12th, Colored School graduation, Thursday, June 13th White High School graduations. Friday, June 14th, White Elementary closing exercises.

The Superintendent submitted a tentative budget for the school year 1940-1941, which was discussed at some length by the Board.

Cecil Homes To Be Open For Garden Tourists

Among the houses to be opened for the Spring House and Garden Pilgrimage, April 26, through May 6, are the following places in Cecil County:

"Mt. Ararat Farms", home of Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson Brown; the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey R. Clapp, near Port Deposit; "Bohemia," home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Otley, on the Bohemia River; "Worsell Manor," home of Major and Mrs. Alfred N. Phillips, and "Woodlawn," estate of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Burrell, near the old St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, one of the oldest churches in the state.

Other homes to be opened during the tour will be announced later by the committee in charge.

Candidates Visit Cecil County

The political pot has been boiling in Cecil County this week, when U. S. Senator Geo. L. Radcliffe and Mr. Howard Bruce, both of whom are seeking the Democratic U. S. Senatorial nomination at the coming primary in May, toured the county, holding imformal meetings and shaking hands with voters.