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Eastern Shore County Tax Rates

Four Of The Nine Counties Have Higher Rate--Queen Anne Lowest On Shore

County tax rates among the nine Eastern Shore of Maryland counties are twenty-one cents lower in 1940 than they were in 1939.

In 1935 the average Shore county tax rate was $1.01 4-9 cents; in 1936 it jumped to $1.05 8-9 cents; in 1937 the average rate still mounted to $1.10 8-9 cents, but in 1938 it slipped back to its 1936 average of $1.05 8-9 cents. Last year the average county tax rate soared to $1.22 2-9 cents on the $100.

In 1939, eight of the nine Shore counties boosted their respective tax rates. This year only four counties were compeled to increase their tax rates, four others reduced taxes while the ninth, Worcester County, made no change for 1940.

With a total population of well over 200,000 inhabitants, Marylands nine counties on this side of the Chesapeake Bay today have a total assessed valuation of around $213,-156,327. And the present total bonded indebtedness of those same nine counties for 1940 is estimated at around $3,725,505.

While Worchester County's fiscal year extends from June 1 to June 1, under the new law, its commissioners were compelled to strike their annual levy and tax rate last Feb. 15 for 1940. Many Eastern Shore counties were unable to immediately set their 1940 tax rate. Kent County set a six-months tax rate extending from June 15, 1940 to Jan. 1, 1941, having previously set a fiscal year tax rate covering the first six months of 1940. Next January and February all Shore counties will be in a position to set their 1941 year tax rate with little confusion to conform with the new state law.

For the fourth consecutive year Queen Anne's County boasts the lowest tax rate on the Eastern Shore, only 88 cents on the $100. And for the first time in the past six years, Queen Anne's County is the only shore county whose tax rate is less than $1 for 1940. The county boosted its tax rate four cents this year because of increased budgets for schools, teachers' pay and other necessary items.

Kent County's 1940 tax rate brought a reduction of 33 cents for its taxpayers over the 1939 rate of $1.33 on the $100. However, the rate remains in effect only until Jan. 1—a six-month period.

A heavily increased budget was responsible for a 17-cent increase in the tax rate for Cecil County for 1940. In Talbot County the 1940 rate was boosted eight cents due to required budgets plus more appropriations for its health and welfare departments.

Caroline and Dorchester Counties have the same tax rate for 1940—$1.30 on the $100. Caroline raised its rate six cents due to added appropriations for schools, trail judges and welfare, but Dorchester County was able to cut its tax rate 10 cents because a new reassessment gave the county more taxable property.

Worchester County fared just opposite. Its new reassessment lowered the taxable basis by over $800,-000, but its three-man board of commissioners, by careful budgeting, kept its tax rate at $1.25, the same as in 1939.

Wicomico County, through economic budgeting, presented its taxpayers with a six cent reduction in the tax rate for 1940.

Somerset County, reatly benefited by an increased taxable basis effected by a new reassessment of property, plus a $10,000 fund received frm its liquor dispensary system, cut its 1940 tax rate down to $1.53 on the $100, a reduction of seven cents.

The four Eastern Shore of Maryland counties with increased tax rates for 1940, together with the amount of such increases are: Queen Anne's, boost of four cents; Caroline, six cents; Talbot, eight cents; and Cecil County, 17 cents.

Four other shore counties that reduced their 1940 tax rate are: Kent, 33 cents; Dorchester, 10 cents; Somerset, seven cents and Wicomico County, six cents.

Agreed To Pay Damages

In a damage suit started by D. C. and Emma N. Brown which resulted from an accident in which William Brown was seriously injured, Howard T. Kirk, Peach Bottom, Pa., agreed to pay damages of $3,544,27.

A car operated by Harry Fisher and owned by Kirk hit the child as he crossed the highway at Summer Hill school house between Oak Hill and Nottingham, Pa.

Briefly Noted News

At a public sale of household goods at Brunnerville, Pa., a grandfather's clock sold for $300.

The Janney reunion was held on Sunday at the home of John R. Janney and family, Bay View.

Sunday, Sept. 8, the Wood-King twelfth annual reunion will be held at Penn Hill Friends Meetinghouse, at 12 o'clock, noon.

North East firemen have designated Thursday, September 12th, as "Donation Day", when funds will be solicited to meet company expenses.

A kitchen shower was tendered, Saturday evening in Zion community house to Miss Nellie Williams, registered nurse, who is soon to be married.

The Gray reunion will be held in Rowlandsville church, Sunday, September 8. The Ladies' Aid society of the church will serve lunch in the basement at noon.

Thursday, September 12, Old Defenders' Day, is a legal holiday in Maryland, and the banks in Rising Sun will not be open for business on that date.

The Elkton Fair, sponsored by the American Legion and Kiwanis Club, will be held from September 4th to 14th. A baby parade will be held Saturday afternoon, September 7th.

Wheeler & Grier, realtors of Oxford, have sold for the George C. Logan estate a tract of land and bungalow on the Susquehanna river near Conowingo, to the Susquehanna Power Company.

A. L. Peters, of Elkton, a member of Cecil Post No. 15, American Legion, was elected Department Executive Committeeman for the North Eastern Shore District at the state convention held at Cumberland.

Miss Peggy E. Insolo, of Wilmington, formerly of Elkton, was selected as "Miss Delaware" to represent that State at the National Beauty contest in Atlantic City, which opened Sunday, and will continue the balance of the week.

Dr. William R. Howell, registrar at Washington College, Chestertown, Md., was guest speaker at the evening service of the Methodist church here on Sudnay. Dr. Howell is well known to numerous of our young people who have attended the college.

The WCTU will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Dickerson, Thursday, Sept. 12th, 2:00 o'clock, Mrs. Gertrude Pogue and Mrs. Verna Gorrell assisting hostesses. Devotional Leader, Mrs. Tatum; Program Leader, Miss Bertha Balderston. A good attendance is desired as it is the time for the election of officers.

Sixth District Republicans

The 6th District Republican Club held a very enthusiastic meeting at Geo. Algers' restaurant in Rising Sun, Friday night.

Chairman Jerome Brumfield introduced the speakers: George Gifford, Earl Todd, Ralph Wilson, Willis Ely, and Francis Kennard. Other members present were: William Cameron, Geore Cox, William Cox, Dudley Rawlings, Phillip Kyle, Allie Hall, Howard Wilson, George Ewing, Perry Gibson, William Reeder, F. B. Kepple, J. Earl Tyson, Hughes Keilholtz, Curtis Hall, Horace Hall, Job Kirk, William Reynolds, Norris Reynolds, Clyde Keilholtz, Lewis Garvin, and Taylor McVey.

The chairman announced that Hon. Harry Nice, candidate for U. S. Senate; Judge Robert H. Duer, candidate for Congress, will tour the County of Cecil, Wednesday, October 2nd. Further details will be

It was urged that as many as possible arrange to join the caravan Wednesday, October 2nd.
reported at an early date.

Appointed Captain Of Park Police

Sergeant David R. Peterson, of the Maryland State Police, stationed at Conowingo for a number of years, has been appointed captain of the Baltimore Park Police. Sergeant Peterson is a world war veteran, served overseas and stood No. 1 on the list in the competitive examination for the position.

Sentenced To House Of Correction

Albert Lucas and his two sons, Albert, Jr., and Stanley Lucas, of Elkton, were arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace. At a hearing before Magistrate Arthur F. VanLill, were found guilty and each sentenced to the House of Correction for six months. The father's sentence was suspended.

Short Course For State Firemen

Technical Problems Discussed At Four Day University Of Maryland Course

The annual short course for Maryland firemen—a four-day lecture demonstration period at which the students learn the modern ways to prevent and combat fire—opened at University of Maryland, College Park, Tuesday, with virtually every company in the State represented.

Officials of the fire extension service of the University of Maryland's college of engineering, sponsoring the event, mapped an elaborate program.

From registration at 8 A. M. Tuesday until the final examination at 4 P. M. Friday, the firemen will hear experts' technical problems, the efficient operations of departments and means of educating the public in fire prevention.

Tuesday morning's session was opened by S. S. Steinberg, dean of the university college of engineering, followed by an address of welcome from Dr. H. C. Byrd, university president.

Injured In Head-on Auto Collision

Three persons were seriously injured in an auto collision Saturday, about 6 o'clock, just west of Porters Bridge, when a reckless auto driver pulled out of line and attempted to pass another car on the brow of a hill. A head-on-collision with a car coming from the opposite direction resulted.

In the car being driven by Sidney Walker, of Colman, were two hitchhikers, who were making their way from Maine to their homes in Washington. One of them, Howard Milton Colrin, of 4709 46th street N. W., Washington, suffered a badly lacerated face and deep cut in the back of the head. His companion, Harold Hickson escaped with some slight cuts and bruises, as did the driver of the car.

The occupants of the other car were Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Bethesda, Md.; Mr. Taylor suffered a fracture of theskull and Mrs. Taylor lacerations of the face. They were taken to Union Hospital, Elkton.

Colrin and his companion were brought to the office of Dr. R. C. Dodson, who gave medical aid, and they were able to proceed to their homes the next day.

Walker, the driver of the car who was the cause of the accident, was taken to Elkton jail. Both cars were wrecked.

Officer Hopkins, of Conowingo Sub-Station, handled the case.

Grade Crossing Accident

As the result of a crossing accident at Croget, Virginia, on Aug. 23, N. C. Raynor, of Chinquapin, N. C., was instantly killed, and Chas. Jackson, of near Colora, and Hiram Sellers, of Elkton, Md., seriously injured. Jackson suffered the fracture of one of his legs in two places, and the other leg was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated below the knee. Sellers suffered a fractured leg. The men were riding in a truck that was struck by a train at a grade crossing.

Awarded Diamond Pin

At the Department of Maryland convention of the American Legion, held in Cumberland recently, Warren W. Boulden of Cecil Post No. 15, Elkton, attending the convention as a delegate, was presented with a handsome diamond pin. The award was made to Mr. Boulden in recognition of his outstanding work in the promotion of membership in the local post of the Legion.

Observe Fortieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hawley of near West Nottingham, observed their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25th, at Charlestown, in picnic fashion, with their children. All enjoyed the grand dinner. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Reynolds, Rising Sun; Mr. and Mrs. I. Lopez, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dick, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Marker, Rising Sun; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawley, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones, Havre de Grace; Mrs. Mary L. Cooney, a sister of Mr. Hawley.

It doesn't necessarily mean that a girl can accomplish anything just because she is accomplished.

Governor To Fill Vacancy In Judgeship

Will Appoint Successor To The Late Chief Judge Wm. Mason Shehan

Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor is expected to appoint a successor to the late Chief Judge William Mason Shehan of the Second Judicial Circuit, which comprises the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Talbot, during the next few days.

It is beleived that the governor will name one of the three associate judges, James Evans of Cecil, Thomas J. Keating of Queen Anne's, and J. Owen Knotts of Caroline, to the chief judgeship, necessitating the appointment of an associate judge of one of the three associate judges.

Under the Maryland law the jurist who will fill the vacancy must come from either Kent or Talbot County. The names most prominently mentioned for the appointment are former State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins of Kent, and G. Elbert Marshall of Easton, an associate of the late Judge Shehan in the law business.

The associate judgeship carries an annual salary of $8,500 in this circuit.

A & P Store Robbed

The A & P Store in this town was entered by unknown parties some time between Sunday nite and Tuesday morning. The store was closed over the Labor Day holiday, and the robbery not discovered until Tuesday morning. Entrance was made by forcing a cellar window.

A quantity of canned oods, cigarettes in cartons, canning house checks and money were taken. The loss is probably in the neighborhood of $300, as it is hard to determine, until a careful check is made, the exact amount of goods stolen.
in lieu of money while the canneries in lien of money while the canneries are in operation, and are cashed at the close of the season.

Sheriff Randolph, of Elkton, was notified of the robbery and the county officials made a careful investigation and are following clews found, but no arrests have been made.

Concert By Elkton Band

The Elkton Band gave one of its popular concerts in Center Square, in this town, on Tuesday evening, that was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd assembled. The Band rendered a varied program under the direction of Mr. S. E. Dunbar.

Scheduled to appear here on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 27th, the concert on that date was completely washed out by a downpour of rain, and postponed until Tuesday evening of this week.

The concert was sponsored by the Rising Sun Lions Club, in an effort to help the members of the Band raise funds for the purchase of new uniforms, and a voluntary collection was taken.

Wife Beater Sent To Jail

Fank Johnson, colored, of Cecilton, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery preferred by wife, Mary Johnson, in a trial before Maistrate G. Reynolds Ash of Elkton.

Mary accussed Frank of striking her several times over the head with a corn knife, after she accused him of being drunk. The defendant claimed that he had resorted to the use of the corn knife after Mary had struck him with an axe, cutting his hand. Displaying no wounds, the complainant admitted that her spouse had not struck her with the sharp edge of the weapon.

The accused had served an 18-months term for a similar offense, and the Magistrate sentenced him to three months in the county jail.

White Blackbird

An oddity in the bird line has been seen on several occasions the past week by a number of residents of our town, in the form of a "white" blackbird. The bird is white with brown markings, and is one of a flock of blackbirds that have been roosting for some time past in the shade trees along Cherry Street.

The horse show held at Happy Valley Camp on Aug. 24, netted about $22. This money will be used to purchase wool for Red Cross knitting. The local chairman of the Red Cross, Miss R. E. Butchenhart, forwarded to Elkton $328.85 contributed by persons in and around Port Deposit.

Personal And Social

William Wilson has enjoyed a two week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ward spent several days this week at Bay Head, New Jersey.

Mrs. Virinia Durham and children spent the weekend with Havre de Grace relatives.

Dr. R. C. Dodson was a visitor of his father, Mr. J. R. Dodson, Stemmer's Run, during the week.

Miss Belle Nesbitt, of East Orange N. J., was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. T. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Marker spent the week-end and Labor Day with relatives in Roanoke, Virginia.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Howell of Chestertown, Md., were guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson during the week.

Lewis Garvin, Jr., was a patient at Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, last week, where he sustained a tonsil operation.

Curtis McLaughlin, of Liberty Grove is home from Havre de Grace Hospital, where he sustained an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. Walter England and family, College Park, spent the past week at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. C. McDowell, near Calvert.

Mrs. J. L. Twadell and Mrs. Richard Weidenbacher of Devon, Pa., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ewing at "The Bungalow."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greer and children, John and Sheila, of Rye, N. Y., spent the week with Mr. Greer's father at his farm near Calvert.

Midshipman H. R. Fehr, son of Mrs. Marian E. Fehr, who is home from the Naval Academy for a month is spending a week with friends in Newport and Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Bechtel, who have been spending some time at West Nottingham, left on Friday, by auto, to return by easy stages to their home in Galesburg, Ill.

Miss Claire Gatchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gatchell, of Elkton, has entered the Nurses Training School of Pennsylvania University, Philada., as a student nurse.

Mrs. Ida J. Wilson, Germantown, Philada., Pa., and Mrs. H. S. Tibbals, South Glastonbury, Conn., were visitors last week of Mrs. Laura Grason and daughter, Miss Verna Grason.

Mrs. Mary L. Cooney has returned to the home of her brother, J. H. Hawlay, near West Nottingham, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Bandy at her home in Pottstown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. William John Moody of Elkton, have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Mary Alice to Mr. James Norval Rodney of Smyrna, Del., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rodney of Chesapeake City, Maryland, on Saturday, September 14th at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon in Trinity Episcopal Church, Elkton.

Willis--McNeil

The marriage of Miss Margaret Willis, daughter of Mr. G. W. Willis and the late Mrs. Ethel Willis, of Seaford, Del., to Mr. Robert McNeil, son of Mrs. Florence McNeil, Woodlawn, took place the fourth of Aug., at the Methodist Parsonage, Cambridge, Md. The officiating minister was Rev. T. C. Mulligan. The groom has been employed at the DuPont Nylon plant, that is under construction at Seaford, the past year. They will make their home with the bride's father.

Brown--Lum

Miss Elizabeth W. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Glasgow, Del., and Mr. Alfred V. Lum, son of Mrs. Gertrude Lum, of Elkton, were married Aug. 21, at the home of Rev. Henry G. Welbon. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Taylor. After the ceremony a reception followed at the home of the bride's parents.

Tome--Spencer

Miss Clara Tome, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rowland Tome of Woodlawn, and Mr. Tracey Spencer of Port Deposit, were married at Hopewell Parsonage at six o'clock, Saturday evening, Aug. 31, by Rev. S. T. Hamblin. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Burlin accompanied them. They will live with the bride's parents for the present.

J. Mercer Terrell has been reappointed postmaster at Elkton for a four year term, and Mrs. Mayme B. Boulden reappointed postmistress at Cecilton.

Rising Sun Wins Soft Ball Title

Defeats Crack Wilmington Team And Will Play In World Championship

Rising Sun won the Delaware State Amateur Soft Ball championship Friday evening, by defeating the John Bros. team, of the Wilmington Industrial League on the Continental Fibre Co. field in Newark, Del., by a score of 1 to 0.

The game, without a doubt, was the best the fans have seen this year on a soft ball field. The fielding of Janney, Richardson, Woodworth and A. Lucas was of championship calibre, these boys making what appeared to be almost impossible stops and throws.

The winning of Friday's game from the Delaware team entitles Rising Sun to participate in the World's Soft ball championship games at Detroit, Michigan, September 5 to 10.

Due to the fact that the Rising Sun team has no sponsor, the players will assume their own expenses. The party left Rising Sun in their own cars Tuesday morning, and will register in Detroit Thursday noon, at their designated hotel.

The team and fans who accompanied them included: Taylor R. Biles, manager; Samuel Keim, c; John Taylor, p; Earl Richardson, 1b; Douglas Woodworth, 2b; Alvin Lucas, ss; Herb Janney, 3b; Dudley Rawlings, sf; Earl Lucas, lf; James Yerkes, cf; Jay Emery, rf; Pete Riley, Donald Yerkes and Richard Jenkins, substitutes.

Lewis Garvin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lucas, Miss Jean Cullen, David Cullen, John Lamb, wife and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crothers.

Boys and girls teams of all States of the Union will take part in the Parade of States at the University of Detroit Field opening night, September 5th. This is called the "Pageant of American Youth" and is considered the outstanding feature of the Soft Ball Tournament.

The Mayor of Detroit, heads of the automobile industry and leading business men of the city's retail and department stores will be in attendance.

The Michigan Mutual Network is to carry the pageant over the air, and each state will be introduced.

It is an honor for our team and town to enter into this competitive play, even though they may not carry off the laurels of victory. They give wide publicity to our team and have the satisfaction of knowing they won the Delaware championship and reached the World's championship series. Last year the team was defeated in the final State championship game in Wilmington.

The team had an enviable record this year, winning 17 games and losing 3, in the County League playoff won 4, lost 1, tied 1.

A great deal of the credit for the success of the team goes to pitcher John Taylor, who pitched 7 consecutive shutout games, one of them being a no-hit, no-run game, striking out 13.

The winning of the League playoff entitled them to participate in the State playoff in Wilmington for the championship of Delaware.

In this playoff the boys were under constant pressure, due to the fact that the loss of one game meant their elimination.

They identified themselves as true champions by defeating the Allied Kid team, of the Manufacturer's League, 12 to 3; Dye Worker's, last year's defending champions, 4 to 0; Cathedral, of the Catholic League, 6 to 3, and John Bros., of the Industrial League, 1 to 0.

The citizens of our town are proud of these boys in compiling such a fine record, and hope they return from Detroit with the World's Championship Soft Ball laurels.

Arrested For Carrying Concealed Weapons

T. Leonard McDaniel, formerly of Oxford, Pa., was arrested by Sheriff David Randolph, Deputy Sheriff Robert Boyd and Officer O'Hara of the state police on a charge of carrying deadly weapons.

The arrest came about as the officers were searching for suspects in connection with the robbery of the Wilbur Nickels garage at Principio.

MsDaniel's car was searched while it was parked along a street in this town, it is alleged, and a .38 calibre revolver and a rifle, both loaded, found in the machine. The accused was taken to the Elkton jail.

Many a marble heart does business under a sealskin jacket.